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H.K. ANTI-SMUGGLING PACT?

China And Colony To Sign Soon, Says Yui

Michael Leaves Home

Bucharest, Jan. 3.
Former King Michael of Rumania, travelling as Prince of Hohenzollern, is scheduled to leave his Palace at Sinaia by train at noon GMT today for Switzerland but late delivery of the Royal party's exit visas has apparently delayed departure for several hours.

The 28 members of the Royal Household, travelling with the ex-King and his mother, will not be allowed to return to Rumania. The phrase "with right of return" was carefully crossed out on their visas.

The phrase was left in on the visa stamps of Michael and his mother.

The ex-King's mother, Queen Helen, is travelling as "Helen Princess de Schleswig-Holstein."

The party held transit visas for Hungary and Austria and entry visas for Switzerland.—United Press.

Big U.S. Freeze Spreads

New York, Jan. 3.
Temperatures sank to below freezing in the northern half of the United States today destroying hopes for a quick thaw of the great sheet of ice and snow extending from Iowa to the Atlantic sea coast.

It is estimated, conservatively, that the big storm across the 16-state section cost the nation's utilities, railroads and communications companies \$50,000,000 and private citizens' loss could not be estimated.

At least 24 persons are dead, nine in Massachusetts.

It is estimated 30,000 families were without utilities throughout the area during the storm. Dozens of communities are isolated.

The police are on 24-hour alert in most cities.—United Press.

REFUGEES SLAUGHTERED IN CHINA BATTLE

Tsingtao, Jan. 3.
Some 3,000 civil war refugees, trapped between Nationalist-held Laiyang (in the center of Shantung Peninsula above Tsingtao) and Communist forces were slain by machine-gun fire from both sides when caught in the midst of a fierce battle, travellers from the area reported today.

The refugees, mostly from villages on the outskirts of Laiyang whose homes were destroyed by artillery fire, tried to find refuge in Laiyang when the Communists reached the city.

Troops defending the city wall kept them at bay with machine-guns, believing them to be Communists.

The refugees retreated and ran into the advancing Communists who also opened fire. Then recalling them to be

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Wider Outbreak In Spring Feared

Nanking, Jan. 3.
Mr. O. K. Yui, Finance Minister, announced today that China will soon sign an anti-smuggling agreement with the Hong Kong Government within the next two or three days.

Mr. Yui also said: "China's national treasury is exhausted". He added that owing to the large expenditure incurred by the army in the Communist suppression campaign, the national expenditure for last year had risen by more than 450 per cent, while income only increased 80 per cent.

Mr. Yui told the People's Political Council's Resident Committee this morning that the terms of the Anti-Smuggling Agreement, providing for official Hong Kong Government co-operation in China's fight against illegal export-import trade, have been finally settled.

Negotiations were initiated last spring but snagged several times due to what Chinese official circles claimed was the Hong Kong Government's fear that it might impair the prosperity of the Far Eastern Cr. wn Colony.

With the conclusion of the agreement, Mr. Yui said, improvement is expected in the smuggling situation which reached a new low in deterioration last year.

This is evidenced by the 18,000 smuggling cases, intercepted and the CN\$150,000,000 worth of smuggled goods confiscated.

Financial Position
Reviewing last year's financial situation, Mr. Yui revealed Government expenditures exceeded revenues by about 250 per cent.

He said expenditures were four and a half times and revenues less than double the original estimates made by Government at the beginning of last year.

(The original estimated expenditure was CN\$9,000,000,000,000 and revenues at CN7,000,000,000,000.)

Mr. Yui revealed that last year's imports topped exports by 50 per cent CN\$4,270,000,000,000 in cash.

The Finance Minister said Government flotation of the US\$300,000,000 Treasury Note and the US\$100,000,000 Public Loan were not a success because only US\$30,000,000 of the former and US\$24,000,000 of the latter were sold up to last November.

U.S. Aid
Questioned by Committee members whether any concrete plan has been mapped out for the US\$18,000,000 U.S. aid voted by Congress, Mr. Yui said detailed recommendations have been drawn up by the Finance Ministry and passed to the Foreign Ministry for consideration.

Replying to members' request that the Government resume its policy of granting loans to private enterprises which was suspended last November to tighten the

He Missed Death Twice



Here is the victim of the "Kina" wreck whose harrowing story appears in Columns 6 and 7.

He is 17-year-old Dick Matti, son of the former manager of the Peninsula Hotel.

This photograph from Manila shows him chatting with Danish Consul G. Halberg was called at the St. Tomas hospital upon arrival of the Kina survivors.

Civil Servants Differ About Salaries Report

A preliminary survey of the reaction of Hong Kong Civil Servants to the Salaries Commission Report made by the "Sunday Herald" yesterday, disclosed conflicting viewpoints.

POLICE SUB-INSPECTOR (NEW): "If my services in the United Kingdom Police Force are counted, I'm alright. But if only the time I have been here is taken into account, then I shall be definitely worse off than before."

POLICE SUB-INSPECTOR (OLD): "I don't think the recommendations will benefit me much. At present I have free fuel, free furnished quarters, and many other smaller privileges. With the recommendations enforced, I will have to pay for all these, besides paying my own rent."

MAGISTRACY CLERK: "Before I can judge, I will have to know which grade I am in. I have been in the Civil Service for about 12 years and have long ago passed out of the maximum emolument for Grade III. Will they calculate my increase on Grade III Maximum?"

NURSE: "Not too bad. The increases could have been more. However, it's better than nothing. We are at least going to have some pin-money."

MEDICAL OFFICER: "In comparison to what our fellow-practitioners are getting outside, the scales are still too low. But, what can one expect from Government service? I suppose, we have to be grateful for small mercies—however small they may be."

A BAILIFF: "I am definitely going to lose out. I was holding a different post before, but was transferred to my present position. If the Report is accepted, then I will be worse off than in my previous position."

LAND OFFICE EMPLOYEE: "I am willing to sell for \$1,000 any benefits I may get from the new scheme."

EMPLOYEE IN MARRIAGE REGISTRY'S OFFICE: "I have considered the Report. After working out the figures, I find I will be losing \$1 instead of gaining anything."

STENOGRAPHER: "I am afraid I am not in a position to make any comment except to say that I understand I am going to lose out."

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New York Cable Workers Go Out On Strike

New York, Jan. 3.
More than 2,500 workers who handle two-thirds of the cable and radio communications between the United States and foreign countries struck today against the four major cable companies.

The American Communications Association CIO, representing all but 450 of the strikers, said two-thirds of the normal radio and cable channels have been severed.

The Commercial Cable Company, All-America Cables, MacKay Radio and Western Union

7 "KINA" SURVIVORS ARRIVE IN COLONY

Teen-Age Lad's Grim Story

Seven survivors of the typhoon-wrecked 13,000-ton Danish motorship "Kina" arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by the Pan-American Clipper from Manila.

They are Mr. & Mrs. G. Matti, their sons, Richard and Kenneth; Mr. & Mrs. P. R. Pederson and daughter Inge.

The survivors, who are now at the Peninsula Hotel, told a tale of horror and death, when interviewed by the "Sunday Herald."

The "most fortunate" passenger, 17-year-old Richard Matti, formerly of the Central British School, had a "heart-breaking" story. He cheated death twice.

His elder brother, 19-year-old Dennis, who was with him when their boat smashed against the "Kina," is still reported missing.

several earlier postponement, on December 4.

Mrs. Matti, looking well despite her harrowing experience, said that the dining saloon was already holding water when she passed by to go to the Officers Mess under instruction to leave the ship.

"Everything was going on calmly," she said.

"Through the bravery of three employees of the ship's company, Messrs Neilson, Rasmussen and Olsen, we were able to reach safety through the churning sea."

Beat Death
"We were put together with about 30 persons in Lifeboat No. 3. My parents and Ken were with 11 passengers and crew in Lifeboat No. 1.

"As our boat was lowered, a giant wave swept it onto the deck, throwing everybody out.

"My leg got entangled with some cables, which fortunately saved my life.

"My brother was carried away by the waves," he added.

"I then joined another group on a raft. Seeing an empty raft floating by, I jumped onto it with Apprentice Seaman Anderson.

"But before the others could do likewise, heavy waves swept us away. I heard later that the first raft was smashed.

"That was the second time I escaped death."

After drifting for eight hours on rough sea, the two landed at San Martin, Samar, where they were created "magnificently by the Filipinos, who guided them to the other survivors.

Richard Matti told the "Sunday Herald" that he intends to find employment in Basle, Switzerland.

His missing brother, Dennis, who was apprenticed to the China Light & Power Company for two years, had many friends in the colony.

Mr. Gerold Matti was formerly managing the Palace Hotel in Shanghai and the Peninsula Hotel here.

Mr. and Mrs. Matti and three sons were on route to Basle, when the "Kina," one of the most beautiful ships to visit Hong Kong, crashed on reefs of Camandang Island by Typhoon "Jean" on Christmas Day.

He left the colony after a year's stay, on retirement, after

Chinese Communist Purge
Shanghai, Jan. 3.
The Communist radio today broadcast the second part of Chinese Communist chief Mao Tse-tung's report to the Central Committee of the Communist Party in which he indicated a drastic purge.

The purge will eliminate "landlords, rich peasants and proletarian elements" who joined the party during the growth of membership from "several tens of thousands in 1937 to 2,700,000 in 1947."

He said that land and properties which were distributed to landlords and rich peasants should not be larger than those given to the peasant masses.

The report, given to the Committee on Dec. 25, outlined the policy as:

1. Confiscate land of the feudal classes to put them under the ownership of the peasants.
2. Confiscate monopoly capital headed by Chiang Kai-shek, T. V. Soong, H. H. Kung and Chen Li-fu.—United Press.

WARMEST NIGHT
London, Jan. 3.
London had the warmest January night for eight years last night, say weather experts, and a maximum temperature of 56 degrees (13 degrees above the average) was recorded on the roof of the Air Ministry.—Reuter.

H.K. COMMITTEE SET UP TO OVERTHROW CHIANG

A "Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee" has been set up in Hong Kong with the object of overthrowing the present Chinese Central Government and establishing a Coalition Government composed of democratic elements, the "Sunday Herald" learned last night.

The "Anti-Central Government Conference," sponsored by the "Kuomintang Democratic Group" (reported exclusively by the "China Mail" last week) was held during the New Year holidays under the chairmanship of Marshal Li Chai-sum, and other Kuomintang elders.

The Conference, attended by leaders of the "Kuomintang Democratic Group," the "San Min Chu I Comrades Association," and the "Chinese Democratic Promotion Association," after lengthy discussion established a "China Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee."

Manifesto
At the conclusion of the Conference a manifesto was issued in the name of the newly-established organization.

In the manifesto, the "Committee" announced its opposition to "Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang."

It also rallied all democratic organizations and elements throughout China to unite for the establishment of a "Coalition Government."

At the same time it declared the intention to fight all "imperialist intrigues" against China, and to pursue the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen's three policies on agriculture, industry, land, and relations with the Communists.

Committee
Marshal Li Chai-sum was elected Chairman of the "Revolutionary Committee," with the Kuomintang leftist, Tan Ping-chun, as Organisation Minister, and Liu Ya-tze as Secretary-General.

Among 200 Committee members, including Li Chai-sum, and Tan Ping-chun, are General Tsi Ting-kai, former famed Commander of the ex-Nineteenth Route Army, and Shen Chu-chun-yu, 74-year-old "National Salvation Group" leader.

The "Kuomintang Democratic Group" also decided to divorce itself from "Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang."

Attack On U.S.
United Press adds that the manifesto claimed China is now as much under the control of the United States as Japan is. Responsibility for all these allegations were laid directly at the door of the Generalissimo

Customs Men Saw "Whales" In Mirs Bay

While on routine patrol several officers of the Chinese Maritime Customs saw what they definitely believe to be whales in Mirs Bay.

The creatures were some five cables away, the officers said. There were two of them. After they had been seen "blowing," they disappeared.

Burma On Eve Of Freedom

Rangoon, Jan. 3.
The Burma Constituent Assembly held its last session here today before transfer of power takes place tomorrow morning.

The Assembly appointed U. Mya, former Minister of Transport and Communications, as Speaker of the Provisional Parliament.

The Assembly also appointed a new Cabinet comprising 18 members, with Thakin Nu as Prime Minister.

The other members include Boh Let Ya (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence), U Tin Tut (Minister for Revenue), U Tun Myint (Minister for the Shan), U Mya (Minister for the Karen), Sama Duwa Sinwa (Minister for the Kachin), Saw Wunna (Minister for the Karens), U Wan Thu Maung (Minister for the Chin), U Kyaw Nyein (Home Minister), U Ba Gyan (Judicial Minister), U Ka Kyi (Minister of Commerce and Supply), Thakin Tin (Minister for Agriculture), U Mya (Minister for National Planning), B. P. Kun (Minister for Rehabilitation, Education and Social Service), Mohan Win Maung (Minister for Public Works and Labour), U Nya T. (Minister of Information) and Boh Sein Hman (Minister without Portfolio).—United Press.

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H.K.-CHINA PACT ON EXPORT PROTECTION

New Ruling On Trade In Chinese Notes

At the request of the Chinese authorities the limit of Chinese National Currency notes that may be imported to or exported from the Colony has been raised to C.N.\$5,000,000. A notification to this effect appears in the Government Gazette (No. A.3.).

The public are advised that this regulation will be strictly enforced.

£ 14,000 Donated To Local Relief

As the result of representations made on behalf of the Hong Kong Social Welfare Council, an application was made to the Lord Mayor's Empire Air Raid Distress Fund for a donation towards local relief funds.

A grant of £14,000 has been received from the Lord Mayor's Fund and will be made available to assist the Hong Kong Social Welfare Council in carrying on its work of relieving the distress of those inhabitants of the Colony who were victims of the Japanese occupation.

The Accountant-General has been

Licences Needed For Certain Commodities

The Hong Kong authorities have received from the Chinese authorities a request for co-operation in safeguarding the exchange proceeds of China's chief exportable commodities.

The Hong Kong authorities were agreed to co-operate with the Chinese authorities by insisting that exports of specified Chinese products from Hong Kong shall be permitted only on production of a certificate of origin issued by the Chinese authorities. Commodities subject to this control will be wolfram, antimony, wood oil, rapeseed oil, tin, tea, bristles, and cotton yarn (notification No. A.2 in Government Gazette).

Applications for licences to export from Hong Kong the above designated China exports should be submitted in duplicate on export licence 2B (yellow) to the Imports and Exports Department.

Where the products are of Chinese origin they must be accompanied by a certificate of origin issued by the Chinese authorities; where such products are not of Chinese origin this certificate will not, of course, be required.

Registration

There will be stocks of these commodities in Hong Kong which have already been imported and for which a certificate of origin is obtainable. Holders of such stocks must register them with the Imports and Exports Department before Jan. 8 on a special I.E. form which is obtainable, free of charge, from the manifesto office of the Imports and Exports Department, Fire Brigade Building, ground floor.

asked to send the Hong Kong Social Welfare Council a cheque for the dollar equivalent of the grant, which will reach the Council in the next few days.

Salaries Com. Chief Personages At Yesterday's Press Conference



Here is shown the Chair of the Government Salaries Commission (Mr. D. J. Sloss) at yesterday's conference when he more fully explained details of the Commission's Report to the Press. On his left is Mr. Marsack (PRO) and on the right (smoking cigar), the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo—"Sunday Herald" Photo.

HKVDC Reverts To Active Basis?

The appointment of Colonel L. T. Ride, C.B.E., as Commandant, H.K.V.D.C., which has just been gazetted, will be welcomed with interest by all Volunteers, past and present, as an indication that the reformation of the Corps as an active Force may shortly be expected.

It has been known for some time that the future of the Corps has been receiving careful consideration by the Authorities and the result of their deliberations will be keenly awaited by many Volunteers who are anxious to resume their training as citizen soldiers for the protection of their homes.

The selection of Colonel Ride for this appointment on a full-time basis is a happy one and has been made possible by arrangement with the University who have agreed to his secondment to the H.K.V.D.C.

Colonel Ride has been a keen Volunteer and he will bring to his new task a wealth of experience, military and civil, in dealing with all sorts and conditions of men which will be invaluable in reconstructing the H.K.V.D.C., a force of which the Colony has good reason to be proud and from which it will expect more years of useful service.

The good wishes of all sections of the community will be extended to the Volunteers and to their new Commandant.

C.O.'s Record

Colonel Ride has a distinguished military record in two wars. He fought with the Australian Infantry in France (being wounded twice) in the first World War and in the last war, after commanding the Field Ambulance in the Battle of Hong Kong, he was the first officer to escape from Shamshuipo into Free China where he commanded the British Army Aid Group, a unit which he himself formed and developed and which fulfilled such a useful purpose to the Allied cause throughout the Pacific War.

Since his arrival here on appointment to the Hong Kong University,

Taxi-Driver Stole Priests' Camera

"You're the trustee of any property left behind in your taxi. You all know it. It is your duty to return anything found to your company or the Police," Mr. F. X. d'Almada told taxi-driver Ho Kai-hai of the Shanghai Taxi Company, who was charged with the larceny of a camera belonging to Father R. Kennedy of Wah Yan College, who inadvertently left his camera in Ho's cab last Wednesday.

Defendant was remanded on Friday to yesterday to examine the possibility of the camera slipping under the driver's seat. Traffic Inspector N. Senior told the Court yesterday that the seat was so constructed that nothing could possibly slip onto the floor.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, but at the request of his wife, who appeared carrying a baby, a fine of \$500 was substituted.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are gazetted: Mr. C. D'Almada e Castro to act as Land Officer and Registrar of Marriages. Mr. C. C. Chau to be an Assistant Superintendent in the Hong Kong Police Reserve.

Weddings

Gee - Jones

In a wedding solemnised at the Methodist Church in Wanchai yesterday, Jean Jones became the bride of Eric Francis Gee.

The bride entered the church on the arm of Mr. R. Stride. She wore a charming creation of egg-shell blue with crepe de chine white accessories and a spray of white carnations.

Mrs. H. Stride, in midnight blue crepe with multi-coloured sequin decoration, was Matron of Honour, while the duties of best man were discharged by Mr. A. W. Smith.

A reception was held later at Cafe Wiseman after which the couple left for the honeymoon at Repulse Bay.

Local Brevities

HE STOLE A DOG AND A DRAINPIPE

With three previous convictions, including one for larceny of a dog on July 17 last, "Ching Kam" (18) was sentenced to three months' hard labour and recommended for banishment when he pleaded guilty before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday to the charge of larceny of a drainpipe.

Inspector J. Orem said that defendant was arrested at 2 a.m. on New Year's Day by Det. 1075 outside 140 Shanghai Street.

Asked where he obtained the drainpipe from accused brought the detective to 87 Temple Street, where the pipe had been wrenching from its fixture. The pipe was valued at \$20.

GIRL HURT WHEN LEAVING TRAM

Lying in the Queen Mary Hospital in a very serious condition is a 16 year old girl named Tong Sau King of No. 7 Ki Cheung Street, 1st floor, who was knocked down by lorry 6045 as she was alighting from a tram car at Johnston Road at about 10.30 a.m. yesterday.

QUEEN'S ROAD WEST CLOSED

Queen's Road West between French Street and Kwong Fung Street, and High Street west of Western Street are now under repairs and will be closed to vehicular traffic until repairs are completed.

GOVERNMENT TO SETTLE ABOUT \$12m. BACK-PAY

"No Pressure To Accept Bonds"

The amount of back pay that Government will have to disburse as a result of the Salaries Commission recommendations, if adopted, is in the vicinity of \$12,000,000, said Mr. D. J. Sloss, Chairman of the Commission, at a Press conference yesterday.

The present pay roll of the Colony's Civil Service was about \$48,000,000, and as a result of the recommendations it would be increased to \$60,000,000 to \$65,000,000, or an increase of about 30 percent. These figures include HCL allowance.

It was hoped to effect payment of this back pay in a lump sum before Chinese New Year, unless it was held up on points of detail, when possibly payment by instalments might be considered though this would be undesirable.

A hitch was not expected, and if there was a hold-up, it would most probably affect only the higher administrative officers.

"No Pressure"

Mr. Sloss said Government was not aware that civil servants would be required to accept Rehabilitation Bonds either in whole or part payment of back pay.

It was entirely up to recipients' choice, and there would be no pressure.

People in receipt of under \$400 a month were the class benefiting most from the recommendations, said Mr. Sloss.

A scale who before the war was in receipt of \$13 a month would now get a basic wage of \$44, and pension and gratuity three times pre-war.

Teachers and the Police were other classes who had benefited.

Mr. Sloss said the lot of teachers had been improved considerably by the new scale of pay.

As regards the Police, where as a constable was getting \$18 to \$20 a month pre-war he would now start off as a recruit at \$80, and from \$100 to \$130 on coming out of the Training School.

Temporary staff would not come under the new scale, as they had been engaged on special terms and generally at rates of pay much higher than that of the permanent staff.

Temporary Staff

In reply to question if the temporary staff would be fitted in to the new scale as appropriate points, Mr. Sloss said he was unable to speak for the Government on this point.

Mr. Sedgwick, of the Colonial Secretariat, who was present, interposed that Government could give no guarantee.

After the members of the permanent staff had been fitted in to the new grades, the ques-

tion of fitting in the temporary staff would be considered.

Answering questions on the grades as set out in the new scale, Mr. Sloss explained that it was a question of re-grading according to the pay that existing grades are receiving.

Both Mr. Sloss and Mr. Sedgwick denied any knowledge of a report that members of the temporary staff, above the age of 33, would be dispensed with.

Resignees

Mr. Sloss confirmed that those who had resigned before the announcement of the Commission's report would not receive retrospective or back pay for 1947.

The pay of those on pension who were called back for service after the end of the war would be separately considered by Government.

Asked for his opinion on how Hong Kong compared with Singapore and Malaya in pay increases recommended, Mr. Sloss said the scales were similar.

If there was any dissatisfaction in Malaya, this was possibly due to the pre-war scale there being higher than that in Hong Kong.

Mr. Sloss referred to a complaint about delay in the issue of the report.

The Commission had worked very rapidly, he said, considering the number of matters to be investigated.

The report gave the date on which it was submitted to Government, which had to forward it to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for examination not only by the Colonial Office but also by the Treasury.

He, himself, agreed that the delay was long.

The Hong Kong Government had repeatedly pressed for early approval by the Secretary of State, and Unofficial members of Council had taken a hand in the pressure.

This had carried considerable weight, but for which the report might not yet be out.

PROPERTY COMPENSATION

British subjects resident in and certain companies incorporated in Hong Kong owing property in France or Tunisia which suffered damage as a result of the war are informed that they are entitled to claim compensation under the terms of the French War Damage Scheme.

Persons or companies intending to submit claims are requested to enquire at the Colonial Secretariat for further information as soon as possible, as an early closing date for the receipt of claims has been notified.

A concert of recorded music will be presented at Taihat House (Toe H.) 50, Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong at 8.30 this evening. The programme is one that has been requested by members of H.M.S. Adamant and will include: Chopin's Espagnole—Rimsky Korsakov, Concerto in B flat major, No. 2 (for piano and orchestra)—Brahms, Trio in G major—Haydn, Symphony No. 6 in C minor—Beethoven.

Reminders

Today
St. Andrew's Group of VDMA meeting, talk by Rev. Swain; R.A.F. Chaplain, on "China," at the Vicarage, 7.15 p.m.
Magic Circle meeting, Cosmo Club, 8.30 p.m.
Men of Rochdale preview, Oriental Theatre, Wanchai, 10.30 a.m.
Annual Convention Service, English Methodist Church, Queen's Road East, 8 p.m.
Young People's Society, Social Evening, European YMCA, West Lounge, 8 p.m.
Cricket Club "At Home" to Chief & Petty Officers of H.M.S. Tamar, 1.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
St. Andrew's Women's Guild meeting, talk by Mrs. Frank Short, at Vicarage, 3 p.m.
Annual Rake Day in aid of St. Vincent de Paul Fund for the Poor.
Portuguese Institute Second Session, talk by Dr. O. Souza, Clube Lusitano, 8 p.m.

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—Labour Adviser Tells Chinese Engineers

Mr. E.W. Bartrop, C.B.E., D.S.O., Labour Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, was yesterday feted at a reception given by the Chinese Engineers' Institute at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

Welcoming the visitor the Institute's Chairman (Mr. Li Cheung) said Hong Kong, in common with the rest of the world, was having its post-war labour problems, arising mainly out of high commodity prices. Despite commendable attempts made by the Government to meet the situation there had been labour troubles, to meet which wage adjustments had to be made.

Mr. Li urged co-operation between capital and labour as the only sane solution of labour problems. He welcomed Government's policy in this direction.

"Impressed"
In reply, Mr. Bartrop said he had been most favourably impressed with Hong Kong's labour unions and their generally reasonable and common sense approach to problems confronting them.

He said he was the bearer of a message of goodwill from the Secretary of State, who was anxious to improve the welfare of workers throughout the British Commonwealth.

Reference had been made, said Mr. Bartrop, to the standards of living in England. "It is the desire of the Secretary of State to see similar standards achieved throughout the Commonwealth, with due regard to the different requirements of each country and each community."

He reminded his audience that, due to post-war difficulties and material shortages, England was suffering likewise from high commodity prices, and people today have to suffer a lower standard of living.

"As your Chairman has pointed out," said Mr. Bartrop, "these conditions must be attributed more to the ills of society than to labour alone. Of course, we can't blame labour."

"We have to put up with discomforts and lack of many necessities until conditions get back to normal."

"My stay in Hong Kong has been very short," continued Mr. Bartrop.

"I have not been able yet to get a complete picture of all your problems, but the impression I gain, after talks with your Commissioner of Labour and with various other people, is one of commendable progress and of a determination to overcome future obstacles."

Mr. Bartrop commended Mr. Li Cheung's advocacy of co-operation between capital and labour.

"It is the only right spirit. Listen to the other fellow, meet him half way, then we surmount difficulties."

"From what I have seen of my Chinese friends I can see they are the first to agree to a compromise. It augurs well for the Colony."

He referred to some important labour laws to be legislated designed to improve standards, to provide additional protection to workers and generally to regularise a number of things calling for regularisation.

He welcomed such legislation as being for the welfare of labour.

Mr. Bartrop spent nearly an hour at the reception yesterday in talks with individual labour union representatives.

Guests at the reception to meet Mr. Bartrop included: Commissioner of Labour (Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins), Labour Officers Major Chauvin and Mrs. Allinson, Social Welfare Officer Mr. MacDonnell, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chan, Hon. Dr. S. N. Chau, Mr. J. Finnie and others.

SHOE-SHINE BOYS BLACKMAILED
Described as the third member of the ill-famed "Wo Yung Yee" Society to be arrested, a 19-year-old unemployed, Kwan Yan alias So Fah, called mentioned in another "Wo Yung Yee" case, to be a money collector for the society, was convicted on a charge of being a member of an unlawful society and sentenced to six months and recommended for banishment.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND
Subscriptions received on Jan. 2, 1948:
Mr. J. C. (China) Ltd. \$100.00
Mr. J. C. (China) Ltd. \$100.00
Mr. J. C. (China) Ltd. \$100.00
Grand Total \$3,753,988.70.

Track Of Typhoon DECEMBER SUN WAS KIND



Here is a glimpse of the devastation caused by typhoon Jean on Christmas Day in the Philippines. Two Catalinas, belonging to Amphibian Airways, were caught in Manila by the typhoon. One was hurled by the gale on top of the other, and burst into flames, destroying both.

Britain Pays More For Less Food

Ottawa, Jan. 3.

New contracts for Canadian food supplies to Britain, providing for reduced quantities and higher prices, were announced here today by the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. J. C. Gardiner, who said that there was "a real hope that Canada would be able to deliver all the goods called for."

P. & O. Liners Refitting

LONDON, JAN. 3.

FOUR BIG P. & O. LINERS ARE BEING REFITTED AFTER WAR SERVICE. TO TAKE THOUSANDS OF BRITISH SETTLERS TO AUSTRALIA IN THE SPRING AND SUMMER.

They are the Ranchi (16,700 tons), Chitral (15,300 tons), Maloja (20,900 tons), and the Mooltan (20,900 tons), which carry between them a total of 3,700 tourist class passengers.

On the return voyages the ships will bring back important food cargoes for Britain as well as passengers.

Two other P. & O. liners, the Carthage (14,100 tons) and the Corfu (14,100 tons) will also be back in service this year on the Straits and China route.—Reuter.

CIVIL SERVANTS DIFFER ABOUT SALARIES REPORT

(Continued from Page 1)

INTERPRETER: "I believe in the saying, 'Don't count your chickens before they are hatched.' Only with solid cash in my hands will I believe there is no catch in the Report."

SENIOR INTERPRETER: "I see no cause for rejoicing. You can rest assured that the Government will never be at the losing end of any bargain. It is a foregone conclusion that the average man can expect little benefit from Government after the 'brains' have been at work particularly in a matter of finance."

JUNK INSPECTOR: "I am sceptical about the whole matter."

TELEPHONE CLERK: "I am satisfied. I was drawing under \$100 before the war. With the new scale I shall be drawing \$150 plus HCL."

MESSANGER BOY: "On the surface the Report looks good. The final analysis, however, will show that we are the losers."

The majority of those interviewed were unanimous that the proposed new salaries should become effective from the time the civil administration commenced—May, 1946—and that three years' advance notice of the intention to retire was unreasonable.

Obituary
MOTHER THERESA NARTINOIA
Mother Theresa Nartinoia, who was for many years Superioress of the Canossian Institute in Hong Kong, passed away at the Canossian Hospital, Calpe Road, at 9.30 p.m. last night at the age of 80, after 68 years of mission work.

The funeral will pass the Monument today at 6 p.m.

Hollywood's Best-Dressed

Hollywood, Jan. 3.

Screen actor Clifton Webb, who has been named on more than 20 lists of America's best-dressed men, today disclosed his own selections for such a list:

Best-dressed film producer, Arthur Hornblow; director, Otto Preminger; writer, Charles Brackett; actors, Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Ronald Colman, Cary Grant, Rex Harrison, Tyrone Power and Fred Astaire.

He said his choices were based on good taste rather than size or scope of wardrobe. "To be well dressed," Webb maintained, "a man should not look like a tailor's dummy."—Associated Press.

FOOD PARCEL FUND

Donations to the Food Parcel Fund:
China Fleet Club being proceeds of film "Colonel Blimp" \$940; L.B. \$10; China Fleet Club being proceeds of Xmas Draw \$4,131; Mr. M. T. Case \$15; Anonymous \$10. Total \$30,160.69.

Washington, Jan. 3.
The Chinese Air Force has purchased 150 surplus C-46 Command transports from the War Assets Administration and will have them overhauled and flown across the Pacific, WAA officials said today.—Associated Press.

Coolie Who Asked For Wine Not All He Seemed

SRO A. L. Powell said that he gave a coolie a marked dollar to buy some "Sheung Ching" (Chinese wine) from defendant, who later was arrested.

The prosecution said that liquor dealers have to pay \$600 per annum for licenses and this kind of small scale selling takes away customers from the licensed shops. A drive against unlicensed dealers is under way.

Apart from a cloudy period in the middle of the month, December was dry and sunny. Although the means show little departure from normal, there were several features of interest in the extremes.

The maximum, 83.4°F on Dec. 1, was the highest on record for December, and on Dec. 20 the minimum of 41.8°F was the lowest recorded temperature since January 1933.

On Dec. 9 and 10 there was most unseasonable spell of mild, damp weather during which the air temperature remained above 70° for 34 hours and the humidity above 90% for 42 hours.

This was followed by a cold spell on Dec. 11 when the average temperature was 5.5°F below that of the two preceding days.

There were two more cold spells in the latter half of the month but neither of these provided such a sharp contrast in temperatures as did that of Dec. 11.

Statistics

The month means and departures were as follows:—
Sunshine: 175 hrs. 3.8 hrs. above average.
Rainfall: 17.9 m.m. 9.9 m.m. below average.
Relative Humidity: 72% 2% above average.
Dew Point: 55°F 1°F above average.
Air Temperature: 63.0°F As average.

The maximum temperature was 83.4°F on Dec. 1, and the minimum 41.8°F on Dec. 20. The rainfall recorded at Waglan Lighthouse during the month was 16.0 m.m.

"TAXI" DRIVER HAD NO LICENCE

"You are endangering the lives of your passengers," Mr. F. X. d'Almada told 27-year-old Chan Fai, when he fined the unemployed driver \$750 or three months' imprisonment for driving without an appropriate licence, plying for hire without licence, driving without efficient brakes and failing to notify change of ownership.

His licence was suspended for six months.

Traffic Inspector Reddish said that defendant was carrying four passengers in Car 7528, charging each \$1.00.

Inspector N. Senior said that the steering wheel was not good and the brakes ineffective.

PART OF KING'S PARK ALLOTTED TO CHILDREN

Part of King's Park recreation ground area E2 East has been allotted to the Director of Education for school children's daily games.

Personalia

Passengers leaving by the BOAC "Speedbird" flying-boat yesterday for the United Kingdom and intermediate ports were Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Nicholson, Mr. S. J. Pollock, Mrs. M. M. Voxall and Mr. Wu Shih-chang (for Poole); Group Captain A. McHardy, Group Captain J. R. Appleyard, and Mr. Lai Lum (for Calcutta); Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Starr, Miss M. L. Eren, Mr. F. W. Kendall, Mr. J. H. Straight, and Mr. A. Stetsenko (for Calcutta); Mrs. L. Ngai Gyl (for Rangoon); Messrs E. Sassoon, Tang Tse-hung, Chear Tar-soon, Chia Cheok, Kwok Shih-chiu, A. E. Hughes, and Mrs. Chua Chee-king (for Bangkok).

The BOAC flying-boat for Singapore left yesterday carrying F/Lieut. W. M. Blackwood, Messrs J. J. Cowperthwaite, Lim Eng-kwan, Mosh Shou-moche, Yuen Chin-yun, Lim Kok-gin, L. F. Stuck, Gunner W. A. Johnston, Miss Ivy Lim, Miss Lee Siu-king, Miss Lucy Lim, Miss War Yoke-lam, and Mme Ngow Yit-poh.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—Miss Z. Zeynon, Guy Lister, Mrs. W. H. Clark, E. B. Rand, S. J. Pollock, Miss T. Lanley, J. Murphy, E. H. Crowther, P. W. Longstreet, F. O. Berge, M. Thomas and A. Brondal.

Peninsula departures:—Miss Z. Moore, Capt. and Mrs. A. M. Grady, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Grady, Mr. and Mrs. E. Shee, Miss E. Pender, Miss M. Fluellen, Chas. L. Home-wood, W. Conway and C. J. Schapp.

The Portuguese Institute will hold its second session at Clube Lusitano tomorrow at 6 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. O. Souza.

Four Small Fires Yesterday

Four small fires occurred yesterday, two on the mainland and two on the island.

At 1.12 p.m. the kitchen on the ground floor of No. 204 Nan Chang Street caught fire, but was extinguished before the arrival of the Brigade.

At 1.23 p.m. grass on the hillside near the Athlone Theatre was ablaze. This was, however, soon extinguished on the arrival of a fire engine from Kowloon Fire Station.

At 2.35 p.m. a grass fire occurred at Stanley Village. This too was extinguished.

At 4.20 p.m. a quantity of clothing caught alight at 70A Hollywood Road through the upsetting of a kerosene lamp brought the Fire Brigade on the scene. A first aid appliance was used to put it out. In all cases very little damage was done.

The Rotary Club of Hong Kong will hold a closed meeting for members only on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 12.30 p.m.



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the Company, will be held at
the Office of the Company,
Queen's Building, Victoria,
Hong Kong, on Monday, 12th
January, 1948, at NOON, for
the purpose of receiving a Re-
port of the Directors, together
with a Statement of Accounts in
respect of 1946 and Re-electing
Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,

H. DA LUZ,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th Dec., 1947.

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STANLEY RANSOME DRAKE
formerly Managing Director of
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British subjects resident in
and certain companies incor-
porated in Hong Kong owning
property in France or Tunisia
which suffered damage as a re-
sult of the war are informed
that they are entitled to claim
compensation under the terms of
the French War Damage
Scheme.

Persons or Companies intend-
ing to submit claims are re-
quested to enquire at the Col-
onial Secretariat for further in-
formation as soon as possible,
as an early closing date for the
receipt of claims has been
notified.

BRITISH AIR TRANSPORT Reorganisation Plan For Cabinet Huge Deficit Of Europe Line

London, Jan. 3.

Millions of pounds may be saved for the British
taxpayer if the Government adopt a plan, now
under consideration by a Cabinet Committee,
for reorganising Britain's air transport set-up.
This possibility is heightened by the publication
of the accounts of British European Airways,
the corporation which runs our internal and
continental services.

It is the first B.E.A. balance-
sheet issued since the corpora-
tion was formed, and it shows
a deficit of £2,094,339 for the
eight months ended March 31
last.

Overall loss on the first
year's working of Britain's
three State-owned airline cor-
porations is expected to be
nearly £10,000,000, including a
deficiency of about £7,500,000
by British Overseas Airways.

The financial plight of the
two senior corporations is al-
ready being examined by a spe-
cial Cabinet Committee in con-
junction with the report of the
official inquiry into the dispute
over the Tendor airliners.

Subsidy Absorbed
It is thought that the Cab-
inet may cut down the existing
three-sided air transport struc-
ture to forestall demands for
substantial economies which the
Opposition are expected to make
when civil aviation is debated
in February.

POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby notified that High
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is now under repairs and will be
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repairs are completed.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
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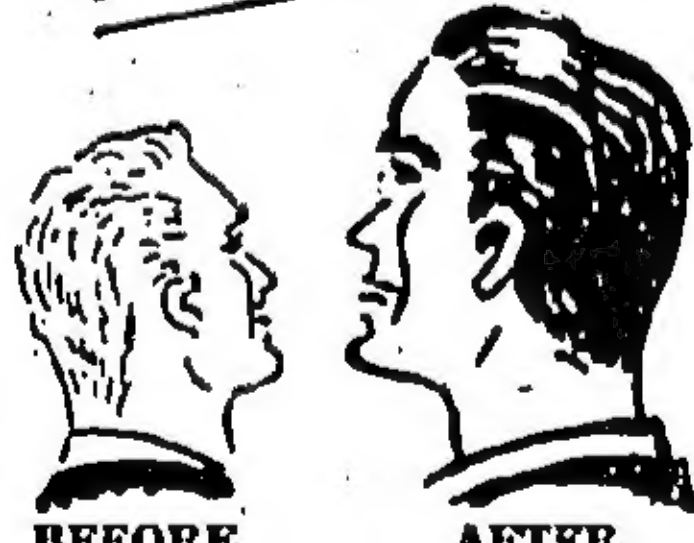
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Islands For The Empire

Capetown, Jan. 3.
The Cape Times reported to-
day that the Union of South
Africa flag had been planted on
Prince Edward Island in the
Antarctic and that an Austral-
ian party had occupied Heard
Island.

The report said the Union
frigate Transvaal sailed south
from Capetown under sealed
orders on Dec. 21. A relief ex-
pedition carrying stores is ex-
pected to leave Capetown with-
in 10 days, the newspaper said.
Prince Edward Island lies
some 1,500 miles from Cape-
town. It had been claimed pre-
viously by Britain. Heard Is-
land is about 3,500 miles from
Australia.—Associated Press.

"QUEEN MARY" THEFT

London, Jan. 3.
Detectives boarded the Queen
Mary when she arrived at
Southampton to investigate the
loss of five fur-lined coats be-
longing to members of Canada's
skating team, who are on their
way to Switzerland.—Reuter.

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9.00 to 11.00 p.m.
H.K.T.

10.30 a.m.—Relay of the Celebration of
Mass from St. Joseph's Church,
Preacher: The Rev. Father Gallag-
her, S. J.

11.30 a.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service:
Choral & Orchestral Concert.

12.25 p.m.—Interim Relay: News.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.35 p.m.—Sunday Morning Concert.

1.00 p.m.—A Short Russian Programme.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and
Announcements.

1.30 p.m.—Music of Bach.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—London Relay: Weekly News-
Letter.

6.15 p.m.—Moods to Music.

6.30 p.m.—Night Variety.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and
Home News.

7.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service:
"Music for Romance."

7.45 p.m.—A Vocal Recital by Isobel
Ballie and Dennis Noble.

8.00 p.m.—Light Symphony Concert.

8.25 p.m.—Studio: An Appeal for Flu
Day, St. Vincent De Paul Society
by the Rev. Father T.J. Sheridan, S. J.

8.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service:
"Orch. Farm" by A. Toulson.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

9.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.11 p.m.—ZBW "Proms" No. 2 (of the
series) by the Czech Symphony...

The Halle Orchestra.

Barber—Adagio for Strings.....

N.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

Prokofiev—Concerto No. 3 in G
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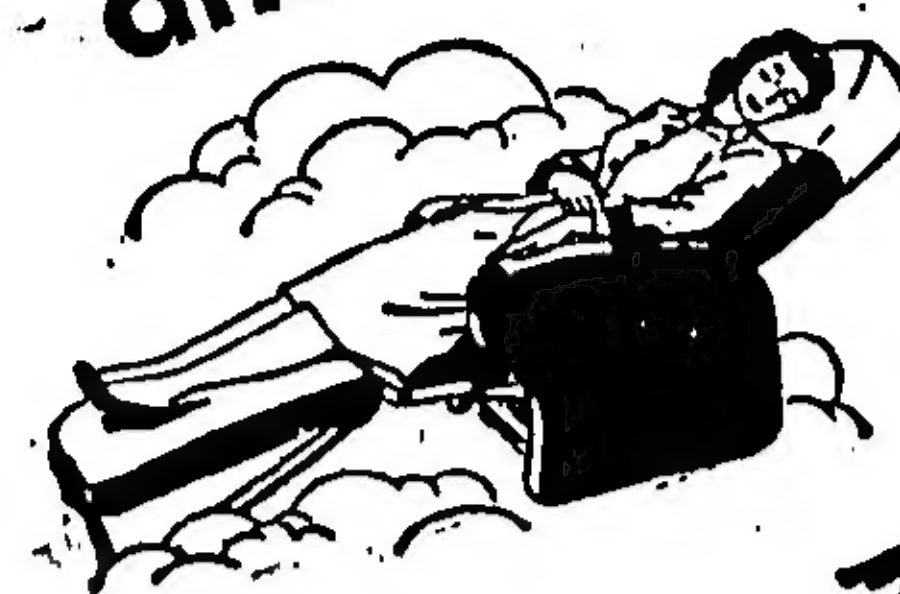
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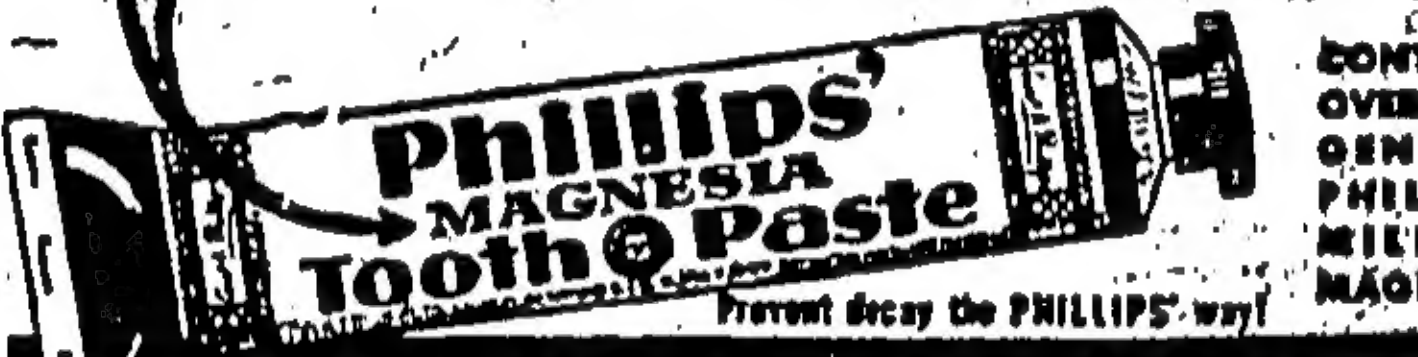
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CASEBOOK OF A MODERN SHERLOCK HOLMES

By Maurice Wiltshire

This is the case book of Dr. Bernard Spilsbury, the brief history of some of the astounding medico-legal cases that dressed him, for the general public, in the mantle (or was it invincibility?) of Conan Doyle's incredible Sherlock Holmes.

Had he written it himself—as he intended he would have announced in that cold way of his: "It is of no public interest."

That was now he described the book he meant to write, but never did. And it summed up the essential Spilsbury—or a large part

As a medical student at St. Mary's Hospital, London, his mind never really got beyond the dissecting room. Here he was fascinated and happy to work among the corpses while his fellow-students were dreaming of practices in Wimpole-street.

He was for ever searching. Once he gazed himself with carbon monoxide fumes just to analyse afterwards the effects he felt.

It all began, as far as the "uninterested" public were concerned, with the bringing to book for murder of a doctor.

Scotland Yard detectives had been poking about in a house in Hildon-crescent. One of them found what might be a bit of skin. It was buried in a cellar.

Bernard Spilsbury was called in. It is probably the first time the famous headline appeared in a newspaper. It was certainly the first time that so tiny a clue had led to the solution of so gruesome a killing.

Spilsbury, with his almost frightening attentiveness to morbid detail, found that the skin was part of the diaphragm of a woman's lungs, and bore on a two-year-old appendectomy scar.

Identification followed by what then must have been a miracle. She was Belle Elmore, and she had been sliced up, it transpired, by this doctor whose name everyone knows now was Crippen.

Was it a near-miracle? Not really. It was the inscrutable, miracle brain of the modern Sherlock Holmes—the man to whom the tiny, and little remnants of a once human being

could it almost appeared, speak and accuse their destroyer.

Number Two in the case book must almost certainly be the affair of George Smith who, 36 years ago, married three women and drowned them all in his bath.

Suspicion was aroused by the fact that all three died the same death, and with "Spils" as he was called by his colleagues, suspicion was always the gun that started the chase.

He believed that Smith had helped his wives to drown and suggested a very active way in which he could have helped.

THREE DROWNED BRIDES
SMITH SENT FOR
DR. SPILSBURY

George Smith built his wife's bodies into his bath

The case of SMITH

And so, with Smith eventually in the dock, the famous pathologist caused a bath to be brought into court. A nurse in a bathing costume volunteered to act the part of a Mrs. Smith.

Spilsbury stood in the witness-box, indicating coolly here a point and there a significant angle of the body, as the nurse was up-ended by a policeman, her head disappearing under water.

It was before Spilsbury had quite grasped the idea of being brief with his evidence. He talked almost a little too long—but certainly very fascinatingly. Everyone forgot the nurse. She was being drowned before the very eyes of the court.

It took 15 minutes of artificial respiration to bring her to again, during which the prosecution held their breath lest a charge of manslaughter should be brought against them.

It was a cake of soap held in the bath that Mrs. Smith, as she died in the bath that interested Dr. Spilsbury, but was ignored by the coroner.

MAHON'S DIARY
"STATEMENT FROM THE POOR"
SPILSBURY AND
MAHON'S DEATH
THE CASE OF MAHON

Had she fainted, he pointed out, she would have released the soap as her muscles relaxed. This clinched the argument, and Smith was united with his wives.

Part of a woman's lungs under a microscope brought to justice the murderer of Mrs. Rosalind Fox in a Margate hotel in 1930.

The police were not even "baffled." It was a straight case of accidental death in an hotel fire. Mrs. Fox, an invalid, had set her room alight and perished in the flames. Her charred remains were buried, her son Sydney went to the graveside.

But then insurance companies began to ask questions. Her body was exhumed and "Spilsbury was called in." With characteristic thoroughness, which some said was morbidness, he examined every organ of the late Mrs. Fox.

What he discovered amazed everyone. He pointed out there was no carbon monoxide in the blood, no trace of soot in the lungs or windpipe.

She must have died before the fire. And how? Dr. Spilsbury supplied the answer in court, and the defence could not shake him. "Strangulation." And so it was, Sydney Fox her loving son, was hanged for the murder of his mother.

It was Bernard Spilsbury's familiar acquaintance with the dead and their habits that helped him point the finger of guilt at Norman Thorne, the Crowborough chicken farm murderer of 1922.

Thorne, it seemed, had grown tired of poor Elsie Cameron, his plain little friend, and found her becoming an embarrassment to him.

So he killed her with an Indian club and hung her in the barn of his chicken farm so that it appeared she had committed suicide. Graphically the murderer described his horror as he found her hanging, "her dead eyes staring into mine."

No dead eyes had ever "stared" at expert Spilsbury. They had gazed glassily at him from under half-lowered lids. This and other

SIR B. SPILSBURY
VICTIM UNBURIED BEFORE FIRE
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The case of ROUSE

evidence sent the clumsy Thorne to the gallows to die as he had tried to make it appear Elsie Cameron had done.

And now, finally, we must slip through the last pages of this amazing case book. There was Rouse of the "burning car mystery," who killed another man to make it appear that he himself had died.

There was Mahon, the Crum-bles killer, and, most recently of all, the Aquila case. Always the cool, terse evidence of Sir Bernard Spilsbury sent the accused to his death.

There were cases, naturally, that failed him. The Brighton Trunk Murder, for instance. Clearly he demonstrated how Violet Saunders, whose body was found in a travelling trunk, was killed by a blow on the head. The court was unable to decide who struck the blow.

In his extraordinary career he made friends as well as enemies. Mr. Justice Finlay described him as a "person of great eminence, great fairness, and great experience."

Another judge declared he was the "perfect witness." And counsel in a case at the Old Bailey referred to him as "almost a god in these courts."

His opinion of himself we shall never know.

DR. CRIPPEN
THE CASE FOR THE PROSECUTION
DISCOVERY OF
LIFE AT HILLTOP CRESCENT

The case of CRIPPEN

of him—more than his medical or legal opponents ever could.

Unaware that his amazing exploits in crime detection captured the public imagination, he studied each case with the same business-like lack of publicity-consciousness as a checker in a box factory.

It was death—violent, painful, sudden, bitter death—that was life to this handsome, quick-brained son of a manufacturing chemist, a life, moreover, devoted to achieving the death of another—his murderer. And with what zest he lived it!

The White Mikado By William Courtenay

General MacArthur has now been in Tokyo more than two years. His strange, cloistered life is bound by his daily journeys from the United States Embassy, where he lives with his wife and 13-year-old son, to his office in the Dai Ichi building, half a mile distant, overlooking the Emperor's Palace.

He landed with the first airborne troops at the Atsugi air field 20 miles from Yokohama on Aug. 30, 1945; moved into Tokyo early in Sept., and has never left the city since.

He has not even visited Hiroshima, the atom-bombed city; has seen nothing of Japanese rural life; of its shrines; of its customs or countryside.

Nor has he ever taken a day's holiday. Mornings find him moving in his office, soon after 9 o'clock in his sleek, black limousine. A Guard of Honour drawn from the best drilled soldiers of all his regiments—regiments he never visits—click heels and salute smartly. He grants audiences, issues directives to the Japs, transacts business; sees the senior members of his staff, and by 2 p.m. there is a crowd of curious Japs and Americans lined up outside the Dai Ichi building with cameras.

These are his fans. They wait for an hour or more for just a

glimpse of the white Mikado. He may have a few important people to luncheon at the U.S. Embassy; otherwise he lunches with his wife and small son Arthur, who is the apple of his eye.

He rises at 6.30 p.m. and returns to the Dai Ichi building by 8 p.m., where he works till 9 p.m. So do all his staff; they must conform to his hours.

He dines with his wife; his only relaxation an occasional movie at the Embassy to which the Japs, guards and staff servants are invited. He never gives or attends any dinner parties.

His public appearances grow more rare. He never attended a single function or party in Australia or elsewhere throughout the four years of the Pacific war. Japan he has visited, the British Embassy once—in the King's birthday last year—he has visited the Russian, and one or two other Embassies once just to preserve the balance.

He turned out publicly just for the July 4th celebrations of American Independence. It will probably be a year before the public see him again.

Seven days a week, year in and year out, this is his inexorable routine. Mrs. MacArthur occasionally represents him in functions such as the British Embassy for the Royal Wedding celebrations.

In the vast halls of the U.S. Embassy his little son Arthur roams alone. While the Emperor's son has been given an American woman as tutor, Arthur sticks to an Englishwoman. Mrs. Gibbons—"Gibbie" to little Arthur. Young Arthur at rising ten has never been in the United States.

Neither the General nor Mrs. MacArthur—my General, she calls him—has ever been to America for seven years. Now she is loath to go there without him and perhaps two more years will elapse before they return, till the Peace Treaty with Japan has been concluded.

This ascetic life has created a legend round MacArthur. In Japan, his military prowess first of course, commanded respect among the Japs whom he conquered; his role as Liberator has endeared him to them.

Japs Love Him

They just love him, being secretly, gripped only at the thought of the Emperor's power. But this they mostly regard as temporary; the Constitution allows for amendment at the hands of the Diet. When the Occupation ends it doubtless will be amended.

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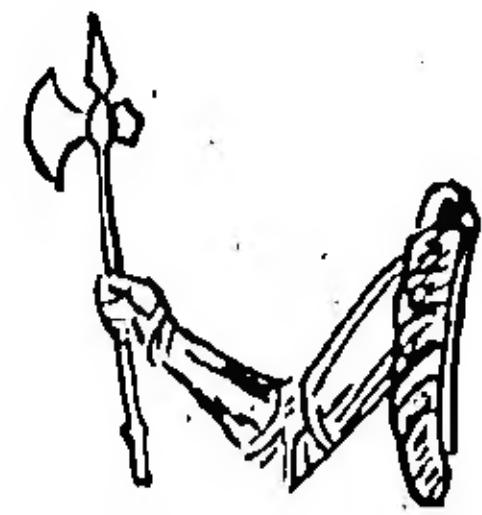
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A Christmas Nightmare

I am awakened by the tiny silver-voiced alarm. I look at my wrist-watch. It's nine. In diameter, and shows that year, the date, the day of the month, the time, and the current phase of the moon. It tells me it is Christmas Day. The watch was a present from Margie. She said that the alarm "should be a handy thing for breaking up directors' meetings," but it also gets me out of bed.

Downstairs the gang are in full force. "Hi, gang," I greet them. "Merry Christmas!" "Merry Christmas to you!" they cry.

"Well, now, what about a steaming glass of Tom 'n' Jerry? Comes the Yuletide season, and a proper gentleman had rather be caught without his false whiskers than missing his mug of well-nutmegged Tom 'n' Jerry."

"Yowser," said Ed. "Nothing to compare for a white Christmas to that potent potion from the fine old recipe Daddy used to tempt when trees were candle-decorated and people came to visit in horse-drawn sleighs."

While I'm fixing the drinks Sandra comes shyly up. "That's for you, honey," she says. "I hope you like it."

I open up, and for gosh's sake it's one of the brand-new pipe-n-lighters—the greatest pipe in smoking history. "Gee, Sandra," I exclaim. "Lighter built into the bowl! No fusing or fumbling with matches!"

"No, sir," says Sandra. "Self-lighting, self-cooling, self-cleaning, never gets hot, never gets strong, a flick of the thumb and it's lit, a twist of the wrist and it's clean."

"I'll get me a lungful of this straightaway." I'm reaching for my pouch when I find a hand on my arm.

"Try that," says Al. "It's a blending-chest—seven rare and expensive tobaccos, with roll-up plastic pouch measuring jigger, and fascinating instruction booklet."

"Thanks a lot, Al. I'll sure get a heap of fun and pleasure out of making my own blends." I wring him by the hand. Just

words don't seem to be enough at a time like this.

But here's Sade. "Well, knock me down!" she cries. "Look at that man fixing drinks without his home-bait apron! Get that around you, big boy."

She throws me a parcel. It's one of the new, up-to-the-minute kangaroo home-bar aprons. Hand-painted kangaroos in fast colours with a bevy of hand-painted bottles in each pouch.

"Sade, it's the tops." "It's for the man who has everything," says Sade.

I fill the Tom 'n' Jerry jug with cream-batter, top with a pint of brandy, and sprinkle the nutmeg. "Come and get it!" I tell the gang.

"Come and get it!" It's Mel. "How d'you like that? Seems there's no such thing as education any more. Open that box," says Mel, "and learn the sophisticated way to call the folks to the bar."

"It's the 1948 earthenware hot-toddy jug with gleaming brass bell bottom!"

"When ready to serve," Mel explains, "pick up the whole thing and summon the thirsty with a melodious ring of the brass clapper."

"Zowie, Mel!" I exclaim. "But wait! You ain't seen nothing yet."

I pour the Tom 'n' Jerry into my new highball glasses—with batteries set in the chromium-plated base!

"Merry Yuletide to all present!" And then I watch their faces. As they raise their glasses the drinks are self-illuminated!

"It's disconcerting," cries Oppenheimer, "but it's fun!"

Down the hatch with the Tom 'n' Jerry and then there's another shower of presents.

A funny-face ring from Thelma—a gag item with two comic face charms. "It's strictly for laughs," she says, "but it seems Crosby selected them when he was in New York."

There's a man's "shirt-cuff" cigarette box from Roger, with ash-ware to match, in gleaming ceramics, in the form of a brightly glazed stiff collar with

contrasting black evening bow. "Something rather grandish for your den," says Rog.

They've certainly gone to town with the smoking equipment. A meerschaum-type pipe with a blue-ribbon winner horse's head painted in full colours on the bowl, actually fired on to clay. Ben comes through with another pipe.

"Press the button on the bottom," he says, "and—hey, presto!—it's clean. No scattering ashes or dottle—and it's built for service!"

"Pipes!" cries Schwartz—"all you guys think of is pipes! Look at that, and see if you don't cry 'Daddy!'"

It's a robot-smoker—an ash-tray, in brilliant bakelite, with cigarette holder attached. A six-foot tube in red silk runs from the holder to a bakelite mouthpiece—hygienic, easy to clean. "Just the thing for smokin' in bed," says Schwartz.

"The hookah of the atomic age. No more scorched sheets. No fear of fire."

I put up a protesting hand. "Wait a minute, folks. This is all taking and no giving. This isn't the Yuletide spirit."

I give Rog, a rolled-gold saddle, miniature size, with patent attachment for holding the te securely in place in all weathers. "That'll put you at home on the range," I tell him.

I have a magnetic desk-set for Oppenheimer. Just the ticket for a busy Wall-street executive. The pen pivots at any angle, cutting out time-wasting movements.

There's a petite, leak-proof, rocket atomiser-spray for Sade charged with "Torrid Week-End," her favourite perfume. "Press the button, Sade," I tell her, "and get yourself that man!"

I have a cute brass bedroom door-knocker for Mrs. Schwartz, with the personalised inscription, "Mom." "No more surprises on the toilet table, Mrs. Schwartz," I explain: "your friends will be only too glad to knock."

They come back at me again. You don't need to follow Winchell to know that, whatever is happening elsewhere, there's no lack of consumer goods in the good old U.S.A. I get a pair of trunks from Elmer, hand painted all over with crazy red ants. "The Antzy Pants," says Elmer. "Keeps the midriff down and the spirits up."

Herbie comes through with a neat little gift-box. "It's the Pixilated Pachyderm," he tells me, "a goofy pint-sized pink elephant designed in Hollywood by a famous artist. A guaranteed gloom-chaser for the rum-pus-room."

There's a sudden commotion at the door, and in comes little Mary Lou. Her present is a cuddly dog in soft, no-tear lamb-wool, guaranteed non-poisonous and molarsure proof.

"That's swell, Mary Lou," I tell her. "But you should keep it yourself. I got no kids." "That's what you think," says Mary Lou, and pulls a zipper in the dog's little tum. Five lamb's wool puppies roll out.

That really sets them going. They catch hold of Mary Lou and they carry her round the room shoulder high. Ed's pounding his feet on the floor. Ed's pounding his feet on the floor.

This time I know I really am awake. I look round my cold grey room. It is London, December 21. Three more shopping days to Christmas. Three more days in which someone can buy me a handkerchief, if they've got any clothing coupons, or a Utility muffer, if they've got any money.

Still shaken by my dream, by illuminated ash-trays turning into egg-nog jugs, by gleaming plastic racks of self-cleaning collapsible pipes, I turn over and go to sleep again, thankful in a subdued way for our austerity, and determined never again at Christmas time to look through the advertising pages of American magazines.

NEW YEARS EVE JOURNEY

By Margaret Bradbury

Bangkok, Dec. 31. The nine passengers who had boarded the BOAC flying boat at Kai Tak, bound for England, heaved a sigh of relief as they settled comfortably in their seats and waited for the first part of their journey to begin. Passports and luggage had been dealt with briskly by the uniformed officials at the airport and the "too early in the morning" feeling was passing. It was 7.30 a.m. and New Year's Eve morning.

The huge body of the craft swayed gently in the water behind the air terminal as last instructions were exchanged between the crew and the airport officials. The door hatch of the machine was slammed and locked, and the pilot took his seat before the controls to begin the routine testing of the airport's many gadgets. The lapping of the waves against the flying boat were suddenly drowned by a subdued roar, as the engines hummed into life and propelled the plane slowly through the water. With gathering speed, the flying boat "Poole", for so she was known to the crew, taxied around in the Harbour until with her engines revved up to straining point she rushed forward cleaving the water on either side and leaving a trail of foam behind her.

We're Off Inside the luxurious cream and brown coloured compartment of the boat, passengers felt the slight pulling motion as she leapt forward and they watched the streaming water spraying the outside of the thick glass windows.

For perhaps a few more seconds "Poole" skimmed along the water and then gave her passengers that split second stomach dropping sensation known to every air traveller, as she became airborne. Slowly rising above the water, the aircraft cleared over the Harbour. Below, Hong Kong Island, with its treacherous surrounding hills, seemed to loom up at the plane as she sped on smoothly, and curved away round the jagged hilltops. A few minutes later and "Poole" soared above cloud level and into a clear blue sky. Looking out of the middle

lounge compartment, one had the impression of floating over banks of cotton wool which stretched for endless miles and which here and there were steeped into little mounds of silver as the weak morning sun's rays reflected on the moisture. Over the South China sea at about 8,000 feet, "Poole" hummed along at a steady speed of 175 miles an hour.

More Cheerful Shortly after the aircraft had swung well out to sea westwards, a respectful young steward served a light palatable breakfast, of pineapple juice, coffee, scones, eggs and kidney. Conversation among the passengers, hitherto confined to taciturn mumbles born of a slight flying nervousness combined with English reserve, waxed cheerful. After all it was New Year's Eve and the festive feeling of Christmas still lingered in them.

First stop in the plane's 11,000 miles scheduled flight was to be Bangkok. Just over two and a half hours after the "take off" the "Poole" approached Hainan Island and zoomed diagonally across it. One of the women passengers—a middle-aged pleasant-faced matron—impressed with the barren and rocky land which floated below, continued to give earthwards for a full 15 minutes before remarking seriously to her neighbour:

"You know, this is the solution to the Palestine problem. Why should all this land be uninhabited when thousands could be accommodated here with no trouble at all. And after all, there's an air service everywhere now. It would at least prevent what will probably be an unparalleled internal war with repercussions on the whole world."

Isolated Crag As the Island, and its arid sections disappeared behind us, the "Poole" passengers from their snug interior, looked out at the still clear blue sky and the calm sea below. An isolated crag broke its surface here and there, pointing upwards like a finger at the unswerving aircraft. Just three and three quarter hours after leaving Kai Tak, "Poole" crossed the coast of Indo-China at a height of 10,000 feet, and nearly an hour later sailed over the Mekong River which forms the frontier between Siam and Indo-China. The land below was very flat and dull; to the eye. As far as one could see below and beyond, in the sunlight. Occasionally fields were under water, bearing evidence of the recent heavy rainfall. In the distance the ancient city of Bangkok loomed at the edge of the horizon. We soared towards it, and descended smoothly and safely on the first lap of our long journey, to England in the Bangkok flying boat harbour.

Foot Itch Healed in 3 Days

Do your feet itch, smart and burn so badly that they bother you every day? The skin crack, peel or bleed? The feet are covered with a red, itchy rash? Do you have a sore on the heel of your foot? Do you have a sore on the bottom of your foot? Do you have a sore on the side of your foot? Do you have a sore on the top of your foot? Do you have a sore on the back of your foot? Do you have a sore on the front of your foot? Do you have a sore on the inside of your foot? Do you have a sore on the outside of your foot? Do you have a sore on the middle of your foot? Do you have a sore on the edge of your foot? Do you have a sore on the corner of your foot? Do you have a sore on the heel of your foot? Do you have a sore on the ball of your foot? Do you have a sore on the arch of your foot? Do you have a sore on the sole of your foot? Do you have a sore on the top of your foot? Do you have a sore on the bottom of your foot? Do you have a sore on the side of your foot? 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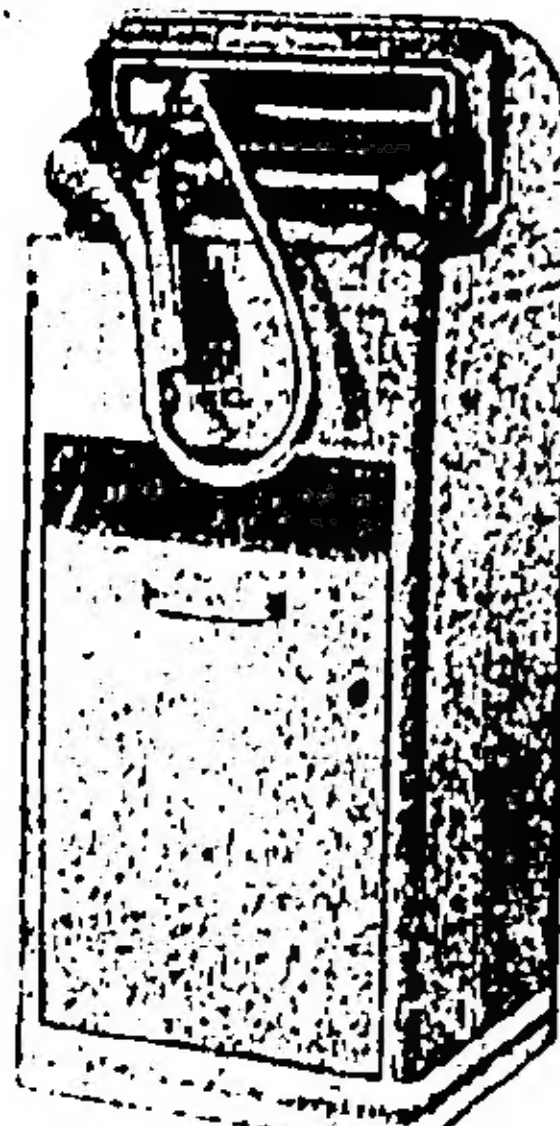
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SPIVS AND DRONES ORDER
Britons To Register In Classes
Growing Power Of
The State

London, Jan. 3. Before Parliament reassembles this month the registration and direction of labour under what is known as the "spivs and drones Order," which marks a significant stage in the developing power of the State, will be substantially advanced. The registration of street traders will begin on Jan. 5.

Two other classes of people will be registered on subsequent dates—those not gainfully employed, and those engaged in non-essential occupations, such as football pools, amusement arcades, and night clubs.

Street traders and people without occupations will have to register individually. These in non-essential occupations will be registered by their employers. The age limits are 18 to 60 for men, and 18 to 40 for women, inclusive. The Government has given an undertaking that in no circumstances will married women be directed under this Order.

Registration will be effected in age groups. The Ministry of Labour will sort out those considered to be suitable for employment in essential industry, and invite them, through the medium of the employment exchanges, to undertake it, with a limited choice of occupation. If these invitations are not accepted there will be direction. The matted list will be inside the velvet glove.

Right Of Appeal

There will be a right of appeal against direction, and special women's panels will be set up to advise on women's cases. Many personal and industrial problems will arise. For example, what exactly is non-gainful employment? The Government will issue some general guidance on this, but it is clear that administration of the Order must proceed in this respect, for some time at least, largely by trial and error. Again, what is essential work? It will vary from week to week, and the Government and its officials will be the sole judges of it.

The Government claims the right to exercise "some flexibility" in the application of the Order without further reference to Parliament, and a major criticism of the Order is that the classes of people affected by it can be varied at will.

200,000 More?

An assurance has been given that no extension of the three classes now to be dealt with will be made without reference to Parliament. But the power is there in the existing Order. A power far greater than is necessary to attain the immediate objectives. Opponents of the Order say that so much power over the lives and work of people ought to have been embodied in an Industrial Conscript Bill, which could have been examined clause by clause.

There is no dependable estimate of the number of registrations in the three classes. It will run into hundreds of thousands. The number of additional workers that will be required for essential industry is entirely a matter of conjecture. Ministers would like to see at least 200,000, and this is regarded as a possible figure—Our Own Correspondent.

NAVY RUM GOING

London, Jan. 3. A Food Ministry official denied today that surplus Navy rum is to be sold by free auction. "Some of the surplus has already been disposed of," the official explained. "It has been directed, and remaining stocks will be directed, through ordinary trade channels and sold by the trade at the agreed maximum prices already in operation."

The spirit has become surplus because of the reduction in personnel. —Router.

Walkie-Talkie For Rescues

London, Jan. 3. Adaptation of the Army's walkie-talkie radio may revolutionise mining rescue operations following an experiment in underground radio communications at Catherine Pit, Crawcrook, County Durham.

It was a "combined operation" between National Coal Board officials, rescue experts and signallers of the 60th Division, Territorial Army.

One definite conclusion emerged: the walkie-talkie is a satisfactory means of communication under reasonable conditions up to four hundred yards.

Previous doubts about "screening" from mineral deposits in the workings have been removed. The provisions of radio equipment, the training of men to operate it is to be considered by the National Coal Board regional officials. Further experiments may take place under conditions approximating as far as possible to those after an explosion or a roof fall.

Girls' Adventure In Hills

LONDON, JAN. 3. TWO GIRL CLIMBERS ARE RECOVERING IN A BANGOR HOSPITAL AFTER BEING RESCUED AT 2 A.M. IN A RAIN AND WIND STORM FROM A NARROW SNOWDONIA MOUNTAIN LEDGE, WHERE THEY LAY FOR 12 HOURS. BOTH ARE ABOUT 21.

One afternoon, on New Year's Eve, they decided to tackle the Idwal Slabs on the 3,862-foot Glyder Fach, near Ogwen Lake. The girls missed their footing when on the summit of Tryfan and slid down until their fall was arrested by a ledge.

Leaving them huddled on the ledge, a man companion climbed down in the darkness and torrential rain and organised a rescue party at Ogwen Hotel, where climbers had assembled for the New Year.

Faint cries led them to the two girls and, with the aid of ropes, they got them down.

One of the girls, an ex-WREN, was married only a few months ago. Her officer husband is in Kenya.—Reuter.

Spain Carries Out Executions

Madrid, Jan. 3. It was announced in Madrid today that the Spanish Communist leaders, Aoustin Zorica and Lucas Nunez, were executed yesterday. Zorica and Nunez were both sentenced to death by a court martial at Ocaña camp, near Madrid, on December 19.

Three others similarly sentenced—Manuel Hernandez, Jose Luis Fernandez and Eladio Amador—had their sentences commuted.—Reuter.

London, Jan. 3. Experts have destroyed 15,000 toy pistol caps in Liverpool, where four people were injured three days ago.—Reuter.

Malayan Finances Under Discussion

London, Jan. 3. Government sources reported today the start of Anglo-Malayan negotiations in London covering the Union's internal finances and balance of payments position.

W. D. Godsall, Financial Secretary to the Union, arrived here during the holidays for talks with the Colonial Office and the Treasury.

Reporting that the negotiations have not passed the preliminary stage, the spokesmen refused to confirm or deny reports that Mr. Godsall will attempt to negotiate a loan to cover capital expenditures in Malaya.

A Treasury source said Mr. Godsall's first contacts were with the Colonial Office and it was too early to say whether he would attempt to get a loan either from the British Government or from private capital.

The Colonial Office stated that a provisional agreement on trade and financial relations between Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies had been submitted to the Governments of the Malayan Union and Singapore.

The statement was made, the Colonial Office explained, to clear up Singapore reports of the agreement, which in the view of the Government, were not entirely correct.

"Advantage was taken of the recent discussions between the United Kingdom and the Netherlands Governments which will be continued in the near future—to discuss trade and financial relations between Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies," the statement said. "Provisional agreement was reached, and if the observations by the Governments of the Malayan Union and Singapore upon it are favourable, the pact will take effect at the same time as the main agreement between the United Kingdom and the Netherlands."—Associated Press.

RE-FLOATED

Imuiden, Holland, Jan. 3. The Swedish ship "Pato" of 330 tons, was refloated here today, only slightly damaged, after running aground yesterday on the south pier of Imuiden Harbor when strong winds threw her off her course. She proceeded under her own steam to Amsterdam, where she will load coals for Sweden.—Reuter.

Burglars Missed A Fortune

JERSEY, JAN. 3. THIEVES WHO STOLE £8,000 WORTH OF JEWELLERY FROM THE VILLA OF THE 85-YEAR-OLD DOWAGER LADY TRENT IN JERSEY FAILED TO NOTICE IN THE SAME ROOM A BOX CONTAINING OTHER GEMS WORTH £23,000, INCLUDING A £1,000 DIAMOND RING.

Among the stolen property is a diamond and emerald necklace worth about £3,500 and a sapphire brooch.

One theory is that thieves from the mainland carried out the raid on Monday and got away from the island by plane the following morning.

Lady Trent is the widow of the first Lord Trent, founder of Boots Chemists, who was reputed to have left about £2,000,000 when he died in 1931.—Reuter.

Launched In Snowstorm

Glasgow, Jan. 3. The Clyde's 98th and last launching of 1941 was carried out in a snowstorm when, contrary to customary practice, the dredger Oyo was launched stem first today.

There was some excitement when, after the naming ceremony, the vessel did not move down the slipway. Lady Calder, wife of Sir John Calder, Crown Agent for the Colonies, released the launching trigger, but had to wait 10 minutes for the ship to move. Oyo, the biggest dredger launched on the Clyde this year, has been constructed for the Government of Nigeria and will be used on the Lagos Bar. She had been launched stem first because the dredging will be situated in the stem. She is equipped with three separate dredging machines and has a displacement of 1,000 tons hourly.—Reuter.

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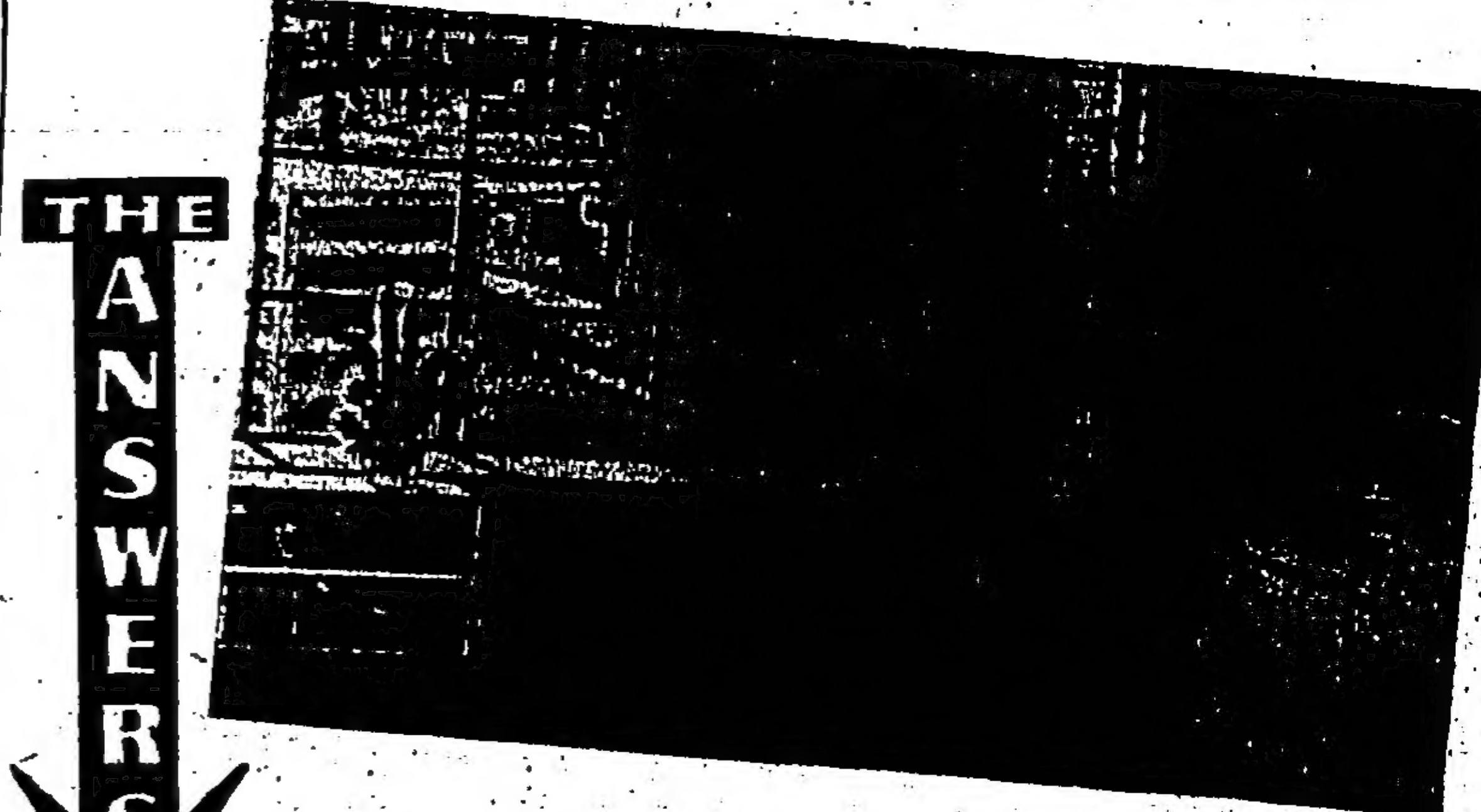
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BIRTHS

MORRIS—At the Queen Mary Hospital on 3rd January, 1948, to IDA, wife of G.H.A. Morris, a daughter, Anne.

FUNG—At the Hong Kong Sanatorium, on 2nd January 1948, to FRANCES, wife of H. L. Fung, a daughter. Both doing well.

RETIREMENT AGE

It is to be noted that caution is observed by the members of the Salaries Commission in commenting favourably on a suggestion that Government should have the power to call upon any officer to retire at 45 years of age, and that officers should have the right of voluntary retirement at that age. And this is just as well.

The Commission qualify their approval by admitting inability to gauge the cost to the Colony or what measure of dislocation of the public service would result if many officers made use of their right. These two points together provide, clearly, the crux of the whole question, and it is rather a pity that no deeper analysis of the issue was undertaken.

In the first place, it must seem a curiously illogical process whereby as the relative healthiness of the Colony improves the retirement age in the Government Service should progressively be lowered. It is not so many years ago that consent was given to a reduction 55 years to 50 years. To bring it down to 45, when normally a man is at the height of his powers, and with the background of long knowledge and experience in the Colony, can employ them to the greatest community benefit, asks not merely for a pensions bill growing at an intolerably rapid rate, but would inevitably tend to lower the efficiency of the Civil Service on the administrative and executive side.

No point can surely be made of the possibility that Government might desire to dispose of the services of a person who had outlived his usefulness at 45, for it ought to be assumed that under the new dispensation, the Government will have weeded out its dead wood long before pensionable status is reached.

Only one merit appears that we can detect. This presupposes that the rate at which locally engaged staff can be developed and assimilated into the higher ranks of the Government Service will be swifter than at the moment seems at all likely. A development like that which recently resulted in substantial reductions in the numbers of European members of the Police Department, and their replacement by Chinese Sub-Inspectors, could possibly merit the acceptance of the additional pensions commitments involved. But how many departments are there in which this process is capable of duplication?

Too early an authorised retirement age is, in fact, less likely to be exploited by Government than by those employed in the public service. It would carry, we suspect, far too much of an inducement to young officers to clean up and get out while still in their prime. The dangers, and the potentially heavily increased burden upon the taxpayer, outweigh any minor advantages that a decision to accept the proposal would confer.

Widows and Orphans

In Chapter VI of the Salaries Commission Report appears one comment which is likely to provoke sharp reaction among Government servants of long standing. "We believe," state the Commissioners, "that the present benefits paid by the scheme (Widows and Orphans' Pensions) are maintained only by reason of an unduly low public subsidy."

Presuming for a moment that this really intends what, on the face of it, it appears to say, it can only be inferred that several members of the Commission are

If things go according to plan, the year 1948 should witness the inauguration of the new Municipal Government for Hongkong. This project formed the subject of voluminous despatches between Sir Mark Young, the ex-Governor, and Mr. A. Creech-Jones, Secretary of State for the Colonies, which were released for publication locally on July 23, 1947. The plan approved by the latter will delegate to the new Municipal Council all the functions at present exercised by the Urban Council (i.e. public health and certain kindred matters) with the addition of responsibility for the Fire Brigade, public parks, gardens and recreation grounds, and the licensing and control of places of amusement and vehicles. Ultimately it is hoped that other responsibilities, including education, social welfare, town planning, and public works will be delegated to the Municipal Council. As soon as it is formed a Commission (in which the Council will be represented) will be set up to make recommendations regarding these extended powers.

It was emphasised in the Colonial Secretary's despatch that the process of handing over of certain functions to the Municipal Council would more appropriately be described as one of delegation, rather than transfer, as it was not intended that the Legislature should surrender its powers and vest them in the Municipal Council but rather that the Legislature should delegate certain of its powers to the Municipal Council, to be exercised by that body.

Legislative Council

Simultaneously with the establishment of the Municipal Council there is to be a modification in the method of selecting the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, four of whom will be nominated or elected (one each by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce and the Unofficial Justices of the Peace, and two by the Municipal Council itself). Concurrently the number of Official Members will be reduced from nine to seven, so that the Legislative Council will in future consist of seven Official Members and eight Unofficial Members (four of the latter being nominated by the Governor). The Unofficial Members will thus enjoy a majority in the Council, which could only, in the event of their voting unanimously, be offset by the Governor using his original and his casting vote.

The Municipal Council will consist of a total of thirty members, twenty of whom (ten non-Chinese and ten Chinese) will be elected, and ten (five non-Chinese and five Chinese) nominated by various public bodies. These include:

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce: 1 Chinese.
Recognized Trade Unions: 2 Chinese.
University of Hongkong: 1 Chinese.
Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce: 2 non-Chinese.
Hongkong Residents' Association: 1 non-Chinese.
Kowloon Residents' Association: 1 non-Chinese.
Unofficial Justices of the Peace: 1 Chinese, and 1 non-Chinese.

Non-Existent

It will be noted that among the nominating bodies for non-Chinese are the Hongkong Residents' Association and the Kowloon Residents' Association. There is in existence today an active and constructive Kow-

loon Residents' Association. But the Hongkong Residents' Association is non-existent, and clearly something ought to be done, and done soon, to bring it into existence.

Perhaps the organization that used to function very actively in Shanghai and in some of the Treaty Ports, in pre-Pearl Harbour days, might be taken as a model. The British Residents' Association came into existence in Shanghai in 1931 mainly as a result of the indignation aroused over the Thorburn case—an incident in which a half-witted British subject disappeared, and was afterwards found to have been illegally tried and murdered by a Chinese militiaman. The British Community felt that its interests were not being adequately represented in London, and at a mass meeting held in the Shanghai Race Club it was decided to form a British Residents' Association, open to membership by all British subjects of both sexes, at a nominal annual subscription. The Association's funds were supplemented by substantial donations from the leading British firms and individuals, and soon it was able to employ a professional correspondent, and a political agent, in London. Thereafter, through the medium of questions in Parliament, or direct representations to the Foreign Office, vital British interests in China were constantly brought to the attention of H.M. Government. The B.R.A. (as it was generally called) also took an active interest in Municipal affairs, and the selection of British candidates for the Shanghai Municipal Council. After Pearl Harbour the B.R.A. assumed most of the responsibility for relief work among British subjects in the Shanghai area, until instrument put an end to its activities.

Not Worth It

In Hongkong it would hardly be worth while organizing a Hongkong Residents' Association for no purpose other than the nomination of one non-Chinese member of the new Municipal Council. There should be much larger scope for its activities, preferably in collaboration with the Kowloon organization. It is not indicated in the documents that have been released for publication what ideas the local Government has, if any, on the composition and functions of the Hongkong

Residents' Association. Presumably, however, such an organization, when formed, should be restricted to British subjects, and, even if its aims were not so ambitious as those of the former Shanghai Association, it might be expected to play a useful part (in association with the Kowloon Association) in upholding legitimate British interests in this Colony, both locally and in London. The Shanghai B.R.A. was mainly instrumental in forming, and constantly briefing, a China Parliamentary Group, whose members maintained close contact with the British community in China and with the Foreign Office.

Hongkong may not yet aspire to organizing a Hongkong Parliamentary Group, but means might be devised for bringing to the attention of M.P.s interested in this part of the world reliable information regarding the problems and interests of this distant outpost of the Empire. This might be achieved, without going to the expense of forming an independent London organization, by working in close collaboration with the China Association. As far as I know this Association, which appears to have acquired a new lease of life under the direction of Mr. G. E. Mitchell (formerly of Butterfield and Swire) has no local Committee and does not solicit local membership. Might it not be possible to remedy this omission by associating it with the yet-to-be-formed Hongkong Residents' Association, and representing the latter in London?

At any rate, I suggest, it is time to get a move on in the matter of the Hongkong Association. Hongkong ought to have the best possible representatives of the British community on the new Municipal Council. And here we have the potential machinery for choosing at least one Councillor by a representative British body. The only question is, who will take the lead in getting the Hongkong Residents' Association going? Even if there is less enthusiasm than the Home Government anticipated over the extension of democratic principles to Hongkong, the British community cannot allow the opportunity of having a voice in the Municipal Government to go by default, or *laissez faire*.

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THE NEW FOREIGN PHASE

By Scrutator

The breakdown of the Foreign Ministers' Conference is about as big an event of very high importance. Yet it has not been debated in either House of Parliament. Mr. Bevin made a statement—no Commons and a similar one was made in the Lords by Lord Fakenham; but beyond brief acknowledgments by the Opposition leaders little else was said. This reflected the characteristic patience of Mr. Bevin, reluctant to give any opening to a recrimination which might make agreement still more difficult.

The Foreign Ministers' Conference originally came into existence as an alternative to meetings of the hands of Governments. During the war the most important issues were settled directly by periodical discussions between Mr. Churchill, President Roosevelt and Generalissimo Stalin. After the war, when Mr. Attlee took Mr. Churchill's place and President Truman Mr. Roosevelt's, that direct system was found to work less well. The reason was not the change of personnel, but a change of circumstances. War's pressure was no longer there to compel agreement. Negotiation having thus become more difficult, it was thought better to delegate it to the Foreign Ministers, who, in special vacation it is rather than to keep it in the hands of the heads of Governments, whose vacation it is not, and whose disagreement, if they disagreed, were a dangerous appearance of finality.

The new system has had one achievement to its credit: the signature of the peace-treaties with the lesser enemy countries. There was nothing brilliant about the problems were not really difficult, yet for long the negotiations seemed hopeless. Breakdown was finally averted only by a sudden turn of events. The Russians would repeat that the last-minute performance has never been done in Mr. Bevin's career. But alas, there has been no repetition so far.

DIPLOMACY IN PUBLIC

Technically considered as an instrument for negotiation, the Foreign Ministers' Conference left much to be desired. It was too big and too public. Each Minister appeared with a large retinue of highly-placed advisers that what should have been a small and intimate council took on the air, and something of the character, of a public meeting. True, the Press was excluded from the room; but after each meeting each of the four sides gave a Press-talk. Naturally these were one-sided battles, concerned with one side's battle, but by combining the four it was

possible to give the world something like a complete report of the play. Not only were utterances printed verbatim but persons and scenes were described. At one point, we might learn, Mr. A. smiled; at another Mr. B. contracted his eyebrows; at another Mr. C. banged the table. Such comments, while admirable for propaganda, are unpropitious for negotiation.

Now that the Conference as an institution has for the time being come to an end, the world falls back on two alternative—the ordinary processes of negotiation and meetings of the Ministers' deputies. Each of these possesses some advantages over the Foreign Ministers' Conference in that they can be conducted with much greater secrecy and less temptation to propaganda and posturing. The ordinary processes, however slow and unexciting, do, after all, embody the best-tried normal way of settling international difficulties, as it has been evolved over a long period. We should, therefore, make a mistake if we view the break-up of the Conference as a disaster. Formally, at any rate, nothing more than abandoning an experimental diplomatic method which has not proved particularly successful, and reverting to the other way, which, though slow, has much to commend it.

Yet we should make a mistake if we viewed what has happened solely in that formal light. In most of the great events of history one may distinguish two risks of cause: those on the surface which occasioned the event, and the deeper ones which really brought them about. The real cause, which more than two and a half years after Germany's defeat still prevents any Allied treaty with either her or Austria, is not a defect in diplomatic machinery, but the policy of Soviet Russia. That is what makes the breakdown so serious.

During those two-and-a-half years Russia has visibly been trying to master Central Europe. Her attempt has had, and still has, an extraordinary degree of success. If you take the Continental countries, excluding Germany and Austria, which on September 1, 1939, lay outside Russia's orbit, you will find that something like two-fifths of them by population have now been brought under it, either directly by annexation or indirectly by the system of puppet Governments. And among the remaining three-fifths the two major staples, the French and the Italians, whose collapse into Russian arms would entail that of the rest, have been brought very near to collapsing indeed.

THE MARSHALL PLAN

That is why Russia does not share our anxiety to make peace with Germany and Austria; as also why she does not wish the Marshall Plan to succeed, why she has forbidden all her subjects to take part in it, and why she prompted the recent political strikes in France and Italy to force, if she could, their Governments to withdraw from it. For Russian policy and the Marshall Plan are direct antitheses. Russian policy is to intensify economic chaos and misery in Europe, so that its distracted populations may be Communist and put their heads in the Russian noose. The Marshall Plan aims at curing Europe's economic ills, and so enabling its populations to rebuild their political systems on their own lines, with a civilised and not a totalitarian framework. An absolute essential for us on the economic side is to bring Western Germany into the Marshall Plan; Disbarred from doing so with Russia's assent, we must at last decide to act without that.

We shall face the outlook better if we clarify our minds on three points. First, that our only chance of living peacefully with Russia and avoiding a future war is to stand up to her power. If we let her dominate the rest of the Continent, her sense of our weakness and her own overwhelming strength would render war inevitable.

Secondly, that there can be no conflict here between British and American policy. The suggestion that America has more initiative to check Russian aggression than we have, and that our business may be to modernise America and act as a sort of brake on her, which is perfectly foolish. We have no less interest than America, but more, because we are one hundred and twenty times nearer the Continent. The mercy is that this time America sets the pace, and the day is won; that despite mistakes it is vital for her to back up.

Thirdly, it is equally absurd to pretend an opposition between the Truman policy of helping Greece and Turkey militarily and the "Marshall" policy of helping the whole of Europe economically. Both policies are "Marshall" and both are "Truman" and they have exactly the same aim: to bring Europe back to a state of civilisation, whether that be done on which the agreement, treaty, military or economic

Blunt Mr. Bevin--Atom Age Diplomat



Whittington-like across his back.

So began Ernest Bevin's long trek to fame.

In 1909 he touched the first rungs towards greatness—as a "Socialist and Labour" candidate for the dock areas. Five years later he was orator of the Transport Workers' Federation. In 1919, by a dramatic exposure—revealed in a brown paper parcel of the weekly rations of a dockers' family, he won his title as the Dockers' K.C.

Holiday Abandoned

Three years later he moulded the million-strong Transport and General Workers' Union. When the second World War came, as head of the union he had control of the very pulse of the country's industry.

As Minister of Labour—the man who mobilised his country for war—he was tireless and blunt.

In the General Election of 1945 he won Central Wandsworth with a 6,000 majority.

The ex-Communist farmer's boy and his rarely-seen, capable wife, Eleanor, married for a holiday in Cornwall.

The holiday never came. Next day Bevin was on his way, not to Cornwall, but to Potsdam, as Britain's Foreign Secretary.

False Prophets

To his fellow Ministers the rough, hewn yet agile and sensitive diplomat carries a vast capacity for work. Hard, fast work.

Ten years ago he was a sick man; on his way to Australia for a health voyage which, said the prophets, forecast his retirement from trade union affairs.

His health is still not good. He has low blood pressure; suffers from the weariness and depressions of that complaint.

But he has the facility of the great for getting along with little sleep. Four hours is normal for him.

He has a Churchillian capacity for phrase-making and an extraordinary ability to assimilate in half an hour the contents of the toughest White Paper.

In debate he tries to keep tightly to his notes—unless there is a Molotov diversion he cannot let pass. Then he will remain silent for a few moments, weighing up his opponent's preparation in his mind whole sentences before he speaks.

Has A Temper

It is another Minister, speaking and he has a comment to make he will not say a word; his usual manner, which is a most sloping, copy-book hand, and goes on for delivery.

Apert from these requirements



Members of all three Services were guests of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home at the annual Christmas Dinner and Party, the first event of this magnitude held since the re-occupation. (Kwong Lam).



The "Big Top" and Eastern Nite Circus at Olympia this year showing the elephants performing. The party held by the Chief Petty Officers' Men in H.M.S. Tamar on Christmas Eve was a gay affair. (Kwong Lam).



Chung Wah Bank Company last week organized a "Young Wedding of employees." Five couples are shown in the picture above. (Sun Ying Ming Studio).

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Members and Guests of Chief Petty Officers Mess of HMS Tamar on Christmas Day.



One of the new London hat styles for the Spring, a silk turban-like hat decorated with feathers. This consists of a wreath of roses with a large black bow at the back.

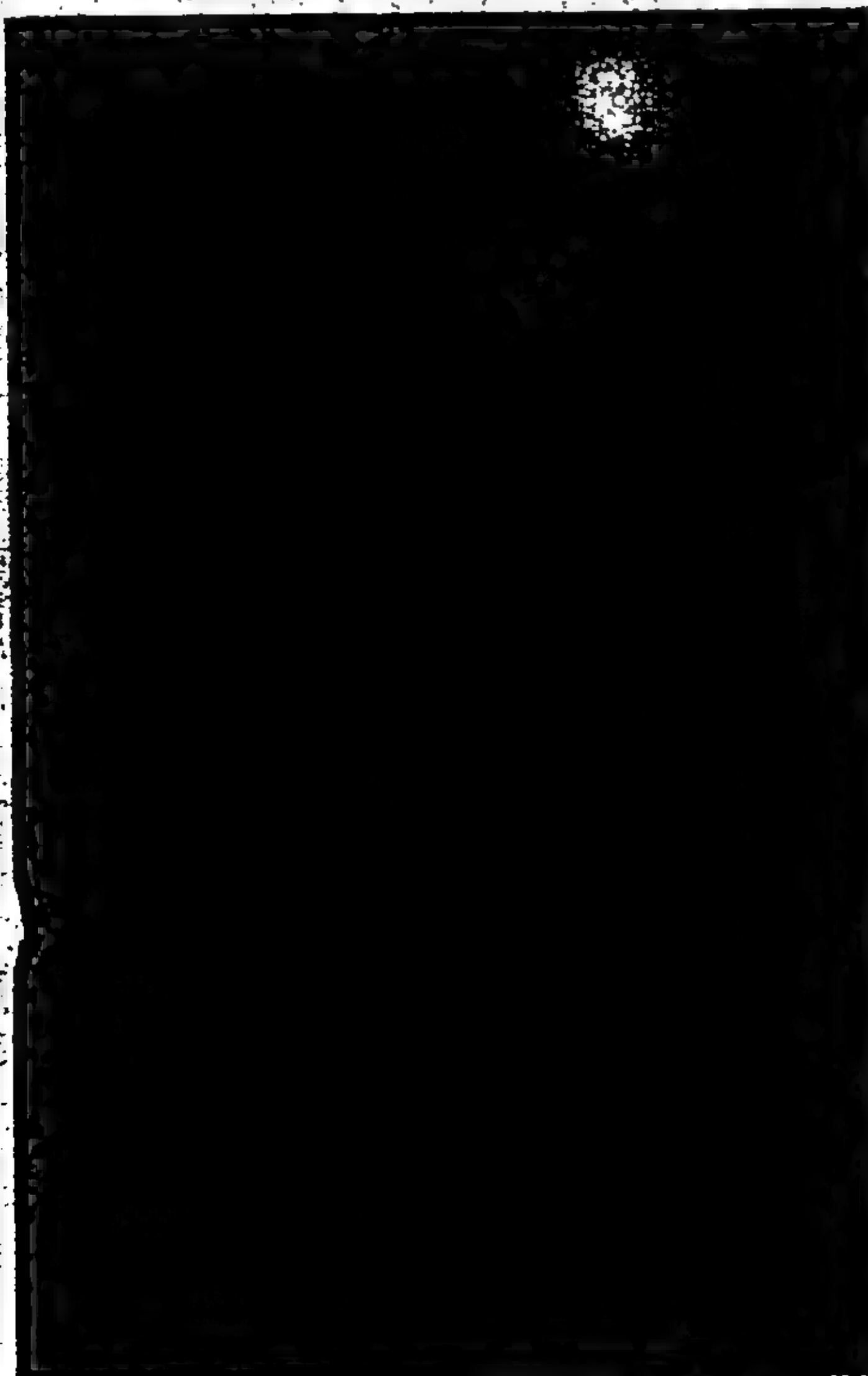


"Harbinger" and "Yvonne" at the start of the cruiser race in the Yacht Club's Christmas Regatta.

"Arki," winner of the cruiser race, in the hands of Mr. E. S. Howland-Mack.

Some of the prize-winners at the Yacht Club's Christmas Regatta. Left to right: F. G. M. Sedgwick, T. F. Hanson, Miss Pat Lacey, Surg. Lt. Col. Barrett, E. S. Howland-Mack, and K. Christensen.

(Waikanae-Gallopborough).





**THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
GIVEN ON XMAS EVE BY THE U.S.R.C.**
(Francis Wu photos).



A recent portrait of Miss Inge Federsen, who survived the "Kina" disaster with her father and mother. Mr. P. R. Federsen is with the Northern Telegraph Company. (W. Gainsborough).



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE INVESTITURE

Sub-Lieut. R. G. G. Stanton, R.N.R., one of the heroes of the "Iwo" epic between Singapore and Batavia in February 1942, receiving the D.S.O. awarded to him for "steadfast courage." (China Mail photo).



Major R. G. Stewart, who received the D.S.O., awarded for 'great gallantry and initiative' in the hostilities in Hong Kong in December 1941, although wounded early. (China Mail photo)

Chen Heng, awarded the D.S.O., Police Medal for Gallantry, presenting the decoration. (China Mail photo)

Many distinguished guests witnessed the presentation of insignia by His Excellency Sir Alexander Grantham to civil and military war heroes on Tuesday. Included in this photograph are Lady Grantham, Sir Denis and Lady Boyd, General and Mrs. Erskine, Mrs. H. G. Williams, and Air Commodore S. N. Webster. (China Mail photo).

PIGMY CATROON



I thought you said Salary
AND Commission!

ARE YOU GOOD AT CONVERSATION?

Do you tend to contradict? Are you inclined to be too emphatic? Do you wisely avoid discussing your health, troubles, wife or husband? In December Reader's Digest—now on sale—Gelett Burgess lists 10 faults that mar most of our talk. Get your copy today. Read how you can make your conversation more agreeable and interesting.

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. George Washington, whose statue is outside the National Gallery, and Abraham Lincoln, whose statue is in Parliament Square.
2. New South Wales; Victoria; Queensland; South Australia; Western Australia; Tasmania.
3. Federation of British Industries, defined as "an association of manufacturers founded for the encouragement, promotion and protection of British industries of all kinds."
4. Narcissus, who loved himself too much.
5. Until 1878 the Army was known as the Christian Mission, under which name it was founded.
6. "Our Lady of the Snows," by Rudyard Kipling.

Musical World

THE PROMS

Tonight's "Proms" Concert from ZBW is a good example of balance in programme material—old and new, light and more profound—from Haydn's witty, good-humoured "Clock" symphony to Prokofiev's brilliant Piano Concerto No. 3, from Rimsky-Korsakov's perennial favourite "Capriccio Espagnol" to Barber's interesting "Adagio for Strings."

The latter has an especial interest, as it is seldom that a work by a modern American composer is heard locally. Samuel Barber—his name, indeed, is unknown to many—was born in West Chester, Pa., in 1905. He began to study music at the age of 6 in the Curtis Institute of Music and on graduation was awarded a fellowship at the American Academy in Rome; he won the Pulitzer Prize in both 1935 and 1936.

Although not of the calibre of Ives, Copland or Blitzstein, Barber's music is always interesting, even though it is more European than American and closer to 19th Century idioms than the more advanced works of his contemporaries. His "Symphony in One Movement" earned him the distinction in 1937 of being the first American to have his music performed at the Salzburg Musical Festival. His best-known works include "Music for a Scene from Shelley" and "Dover Beach" for medium voice and string quartet.

An orchestral piece of his usual highly-coloured material, Rimsky-Korsakov's "Capriccio on Spanish Themes," Op. 34, will be presented in a few weeks' time as part of a programme of "live" music presented by the orchestra of the Sino-British Music Group.

Prokofiev's Concerto for Pianoforte and Orchestra, Op. 26, was composed in 1917 and the critics seem to agree that it is good and a characteristic example of this composer at his best. What is his best? Eric Blom puts it this way:—

"Prokofiev might well be described as a cubist in music. His thematic material is generally square-cut and clearly defined, his idiom hard and dry, his texture free from half-tone and haziness, and his forms are angular and symmetrical. The continuous, unflagging rhythmic motion of many of his movements gives an impression of physical energy and sureness of purpose."

Haydn's Symphony No. 101 in D Major was the eleventh in the set of twelve he composed to the commission of the London impresario Salomon, and is one of the best examples of Haydn at his happiest and gayest. Impish, humorous, ingeniously experimental in orchestration, he exploits the possibilities of the various instruments of the orchestra with the hand of the Master that he was.

Discussion of the symphony can be left to the capable notes which always accompany the ZBW Proms Concert. For the benefit of the newcomer to music—for whom this column is primarily intended—it may be mentioned that the symphony gets its name from the rhythmic beats of the Andante (second) movement. A "ticking" accompaniment to a theme heard on the first violins is provided by the bassoons, pizzicato Second Violins and Cellos, with the basses (an octave lower) providing the creaking sounds of a somewhat rusty pendulum.

GRAM CONCERT

The YMCA Music Committee opens its season of recorded gramophone concerts on Friday next (Jan. 9) with the first of four programmes of "popular music." Later, more rarely played works and "the moderns" will be added to provide a varied programme. In a special note to this column, a member of the Committee writes:—

"We have endeavoured to provide the concert atmosphere by the use of good reproduction equipment, pleasant lighting, comfortable seating and print-

ed programme notes." The Committee extends a welcome to all music lovers to attend the weekly concerts.

The first programme will consist of the following works:—Clarke's "Trumpet Voluntary"; J. S. Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"; Schubert's Symphony No. 8 in B Minor ("The Unfinished"); Handel's "Water Music" suite; and Mozart's Concerto in A Major for Clarinet and Orchestra.

Soloists to be heard at the concert will include Alex Harris (trumpet), Harold Dauber (organ), Reginald Kell (clarinet), Leon Goossens (oboe obligato) and the Choir of the Temple Church, London.

PROKOFIEV

From Moscow comes news that Prokofiev has just published a new work—a cantata for orchestra and chorus entitled "Thrive, Mighty Land." This is his second composition in connection with the 30th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, the other being his "Poema Festival."

The new work is quite short. The Ms. occupies 25 pages and the whole cantata lasts only ten minutes. It'll be some time before we hear it out here in Hong Kong or learn the reaction of the musical world outside Russia. The first reaction within Russia comes in an Associated Press report which quotes the Moscow critic, David Rabinovich, as saying:—

"It is marked by warm sincerity of statement and by the joyous and radiantly optimistic spirit which pervades the whole work."

"There is not a single shade of drama in the work. It is completely saturated with the fresh, caressing breaths of Spring, as fragrant and delightful as a posy of flowers."

This praise is somewhat fulsome, but that, of course, is to be expected when both critics and composers have to toe the Party line. Fortunately for the future of one of the world's leading composers, the rest of us are able to make our own assessments of his works, without having to worry over his political or religious "isms" and whether or not his compositions serve any other world but that of music.

OVERDONE

In a review of gramophone recordings during 1946, Ralph Hill commented that "it seems impossible for gramophone companies to cooperate, any more than concert organisations. In these days of restricted output it seems senseless for two recordings of Brahms' 'Symphony No. 3' to be issued by two companies in the same month (Nov. 1946)." The companies concerned were HMV (Koussevitsky) and Decca (van Beinum). Hill preferred the latter because "Koussevitsky treats the symphony as if it was by Koussevitsky, while van Beinum treats it as the composer intended it to be treated."

If it gets Hill's dander up when two separate companies issue recordings of the same work, I wonder how he reacted to the almost simultaneous issue of two similar recordings by the same company? In July, Columbia issued a recording of "Torna a Surriento (Come Back to Sorrento)" made by Luigi Infantino with the Philharmonia Orchestra (Patane cond.), and followed this up a month later with "Come Back to Sorrento (Torna a Surriento)" by Josef Locke, orchestra unspecified. The catalogue listings are DB2314 and DB2322 respectively.

FROM LONDON

Two short broadcasts in his series covering "The Growth of the Modern Orchestra" are being given by Hubert Foss this week in the Far Eastern Service of the BBC. At 2145 hours HK Time tonight, he will be presenting "The New Age—From Stravinsky onwards," while at 1955 hours Wednesday the programme deals with "Mozart—His later style."

BEECHAM

"As a small child, Thomas Beecham, one of the most popular of English operatic conductors today, showed not the slightest interest in music or the arts.... In those early days, Tommy's chief interest in life seems to have been clothes. He was fascinated by the garments worn by his relatives and friends, and loved to steal up to his father's smoking room for the pleasure of gazing with awe at his Turkish smoking cap, with its long tassel, and his gold braided jacket."

"But the most important event in Tommy's young life occurred when he was six years old. He was taken to his first concert. It was a piano recital of music by Grieg, and to the little boy who had hitherto spent his childhood in quiet reverie, it was a sudden revelation of the beauty of music. He could not sleep that night.... Piano lessons began, punctuated by thrilling stories from the operas, and of these Tommy could never hear enough.... He had his first opportunity to place his feet upon the ladder of success (after he left Oxford University) by taking the place of the conductor of the famous Halle Orchestra in an emergency. The concert went off without a hitch."

"Years of study, travel, and a single-mindedness of purpose in perfecting his art have brought him fame. His innate love for music, allied to a distinctive personality as a conductor (not the least feature of which is his delightful sense of humour) have given him a popularity unrivalled by any other British operatic conductor. In a recent concert, he delighted the audience by offering a packet of chewing gum to the first listener who could name the music which he played as an encore!"—Barbara Conway.

B.B.C. "PROMS"

Last year's BBC experiment with a short season of Winter Promenade Concerts proved so successful that another season is being held this year, beginning this week. Once again, the music and most of the artists will be familiar.

This year the BBC Symphony Orchestra will be joined by the London Symphony Orchestra. Stanford Robinson will share the conductorship with Sir Adrian Boult and Basil Cameron.

Four recordings will be heard this week, all by the London Symphony Orchestra (Cameron cond.), from the Royal Albert Hall; they will be heard at the same time each day in the General Overseas service—2230 hours Hong Kong Time.

Tuesday:—A Tchaikovsky programme, consisting of the Polonaise from "Eugen Onegin"; Piano Concerto No. 1 in B Flat Minor; and his Fourth Symphony. At the piano:—Eileen Joyce.

Wednesday:—A Bach programme, consisting of Brandenburg Concerto No. 1 in F (Aria: "My heart ever faithful"; Recit. and Chorale: "From Heaven a Song is Falling"; Aria: "O Yes, Just So"); Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in F; Piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor; and Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G for Strings. Soloists:—Elsie Suddaby (soprano), Kathleen Long (piano), George Stratton (violin), John McCarthy (oboe), Edward Walker (flute) and George Eskdale (trumpet).

Thursday:—Overture "Carnival Roman" (Berlioz); Schumann's Piano Concerto in A Minor; and Brahms' Symphony No. 4 in E Minor. At the piano: Kendall Taylor.

Friday:—Overture "Midsummer Night's Dream" (Mendelssohn); Violin Concerto (Delius); Symphony (William Walton, who will conduct the orchestra himself in this work). Soloist: Jean Pougnet (violin).

I recommend the 16- or 19 metre bands.

QUOTE

"I have long been of the opinion that the regular purchaser of gramophone records, whatever kind of music he is interested in, is, in general, the most intelligent and best-informed of all music-lovers, and certainly the keenest."—Alec Robertson.

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QUEEN'S

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Three Little Girls in Blue

Talking about Films

Mr. Sidney Bernstein, chairman of the Granada Theatres, Ltd., has just released for publication the results of a film questionnaire which he organised for the 50,000 children who, every week, attend the Saturday morning matinees in his various theatres.

"Do you like films with children in them?" asked Mr. Bernstein, and 92 per cent of the juveniles answered "Yes." When asked, in passing, to name their favourite radio programme, the kids joyfully plumped for "Just William," and that was that.

Now all this being so, there can be little doubt that the film *Just William's* Luck, which has just had its London opening, will prove to be popular fare indeed with the youngsters. And what oddster unless his heart be exceptionally sour, will fail to chuckle at least now and again at this impossible account of the harum-scarum adventures of William Brown and his raffish little followers?

There is nothing praiseworthy about the picture beyond the fact that it is a faithful screen representation of Miss Richmal Crompton's wayward scamp and his activities, but that in itself is sufficient to earn my approbation. It is, in fact, a grossly absurd plot absurdly acted, and that is precisely why most will have a regard for it. There is little sense in being smart at the expense of a yarn primarily intended for children.

A likeable lad called William Graham plays the role of William. He and Ginger, Douglas, and Henry seem to enjoy their film work hugely, having a whale of a time haunting an old manor, scaring the wits out of a gang of fur thieves—shades of "Hue and Cry"—and trying to get their unsuspecting brothers married off to equally unsuspecting eligible females.

While on the subject of suitable entertainment for children, we ought to tell you that Mr. Rank's Children's Film Department is putting on several pictures made specially for children—pictures like "The Boy who Stopped Niagara" and "Circus Boy."

"Build My Gallows High" has a plot which defies any attempt to follow its various ramifications. We have always considered ourselves to be possessed of an average quota of intelligence, but we assure you that, having seen this motion picture, we found it necessary to refer to the synopsis to discover what the story was about. Even that was defeated. The yarn told in the synopsis was every bit as complicated as that depicted on the screen.

We do remember, however, that Mr. Robert Mitchum becomes involved with a sweet-faced little miss (Jane Greer), who thinks little of pulling out a gun and eliminating anybody she happens to dislike for some reason or other. Mr. Mitchum thinks her rather awful for doing this, but can't help loving her nonetheless.

As for the murders, we can't remember the lady's exact score, we know there were three people eliminated, but we have a vague idea that she was responsible for only two of these deaths, and that somebody else was muscling in on her little pastime.

There is no doubt about the ending of the story. Mr. Mitchum and Miss Greer hit a police barricade while travelling at high speed in their car, and just to make sure the couple are quite, quite dead, policemen pump a lot of machine-gun bullets into the wrecked car. As you can see, it is not a very pretty story.

CHRISTMAS FILM

It is curious that while the theatre turns itself inside out at Christmas with pantomimes, children's plays, magicians, and jolly-well, sometimes jolly-revivals, the cinema barely notices the festive occasion.

The only film company that bothers regularly with Christmas shows is Walt Disney Inc. Every year it contrives to present a new feature. This year (although it has not reached Hong Kong yet) it is "Fun and Fancy Free," which celebrates the 20th birthday of Mickey Mouse.

Disney, himself, has a very special affection for Mickey, who first put him on the road to fame.

So it is only right that his supporting cast for "Fun and Fancy Free" should include Charlie McCarthy, Edgar Bergen, Dinah Shore, and Mortimer Snerd.

Mind you, although Mickey Mouse is now an established legend, he has had his troubles. The first two cartoons in which he appeared were flops. His "Mickey Mouse in the Trenches" was banned in Germany because "the wearing of German military helmets by an army of cats which oppose a militia of mice is offensive to the national dignity."

The dear old Hays Office also requested Disney to remove the udders from cows in a Mickey Mouse film. His "The Skeleton Dance" was banned in Denmark as "too macabre."

Those days are over now. Almost every film show attended by royalty has to include a Mickey Mouse. Queen Mary adores him.

A Party Game

London reports that apart from the Disney fun and games, Wardour-street was a very gloomy place this Christmas.

As one morose mogul said:

"You'll have to find your own amusement next year. We shan't be offering you any."

That's not a bad idea, either.

Shoe Shine

Shoe Shine, one of the four brilliant films that established Italy's remarkable film renaissance, is another study in human wreckage—this time in the backwash of war.

The scene is Rome after the defeat, the chief characters two young shoe-blacks, typical of hundreds who live on cigarettes and chocolates from Americans, do little deals in the black market, sleep anywhere and eat when they can.

The two friends are tricked into taking part in a swindle and sent to a reformatory. The rest is a picture of conditions—vermin, malnutrition and injustice—all the more appalling for not being overdone. The officials are not villains like the sadist in that deplorable American work "Brute Force," they range from petty crooks and obscure bullies to kindly men defeated by circumstances and the system.

The director pulls no punches and suggests no short way back. He paints a picture of war's aftermath as tragic in its way as Goya's, and leaves the moral to speak for itself.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Tuesday, December 30, 1947. (31.12.47)
2. Major General G. K. Bourne (44), who has served in India, Java and Italy. (31.12.47).
3. Typhus Fever. The danger months in Japan for typhus are between November and May, and some isolated cases have already been reported. (30.12.47).
4. Camandar Island, a small rocky island off the Philippines. (29.12.47).
5. "1947N". (1.1.48).
6. On December 28, 1947. (1.1.48)
7. Mr. Barlithorp is Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. (3.1.48).



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Current Shows

Queen's and Alhambra.—"Saratoga Trunk."—Could be worse; could be much better. Ingrid Bergman gives an outstanding performance in a struggle with a flimsy plot, and as a would-be adventuress falls easily into the arms of husky he-man gambler Gary Cooper. As a matter of fact, it is almost too easy: she lets him take her for a buggy-ride.

Lee Theatre.—"An Ideal Husband."—An excellent reason for a journey through Wanchai. Paulette Goddard's newest film, made by Alexander Korda in technicolour. Diana Wynyard, Aubrey Smith and Michael Wilding are names which indicate the strength of the cast, while as to the merit of the film it is sufficient say it is based on the Oscar Wilde play.

King's—"Down To Earth."—A skillful blend of improbability and fascination, with Rita Hayworth. Good entertainment.

Cathay.—"The Michigan Kid."—Whatever else may be said this full of action, with Victor McLaglen, Jon Hall, Rita Johnson and Andy Devine. There is nothing half-hearted in the producer's approach to this adaptation of the Rex Beach story.

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Our Serial Story

THREE FOR LUCK

MAJOR MIKE SULLIVAN, ex-policeman, who became a war hero, meets

ARTHUR MAYO (millionaire racehorse owner) on the ship from Dublin to Liverpool. Mike has seen Mayo talking to

"DIAMOND" HOTCHKISS, a racing crook. He warns Mayo against him. At Liverpool an attempt is made to kill

HAPPY MUNSTERMAN, Arthur Mayo's hot favourite for the Guineas and the Derby. An attempt is made to kill Mike (who was watching the horse being unloaded) by pushing him into the dock. He tries to see Mayo, but is obstructed by a girl. He makes up his mind to catch the millionaire if he waits all day. While sitting in the hotel lounge, a girl comes in.

She was tall and slim, with black hair cut in a pageboy bob, and eyes that were marmalade colour. He decided that she was rather beautiful. He wondered why he was wasting his time waiting for Arthur Mayo when there were girls like that about. He noted that she had neither wedding ring nor engagement ring. And she kept looking at him.

Soon she was joined by a man—a tall, elderly man with powerful shoulders and a look that Mike recognised. If you're not an ex-policeman, Mike thought, I'm a circus midget.

"Can't Help"

The two talked for a few moments. He had a hunch that they were talking about him. When they talked they always looked away from him. But afterwards the man would glance a little too casually in his direction. Acting on an impulse, he rose and walked over to them.

"Are you by any chance Mr Arthur Mayo's secretary?" he asked, addressing the girl.

She looked at him steadily, not exactly resenting his intrusion—but certainly not welcoming it.

"I am not," she said after a moment's pause.

"I'm sorry. I thought that you might be—Please excuse me. But I particularly want to see him. If you don't know him, of course you can't help me. I'm sorry."

But he did not move at once. Instead, he looked her steadily in the eyes. (They were rather nice eyes to look into, anyway.)

"I'm afraid I can't help you," she replied. But Mike had noted a faint hesitation in her voice, as if she were seeking words that would neither admit to acknowledgment of Mayo nor be a complete untruth.

The tall, burly man rose to his feet. Not threateningly—but, as if he were going to end the conversation pretty soon.

Admission

Mike riposted by sitting down at their table. The other man seemed slightly put off his balance by this action. He had obviously expected Mike to go, if not quietly, then in some other manner; but not that he would sit down.

"Listen, young lady," Mike said quickly. "If you're not the girl who spoke to me on the phone from Mayo's room just now, you sound remarkably like her. And I don't think that there are likely to be two girls with as attractive a voice in one hotel at the same time. Anyway, just in case you are. I want to tell you that I have a most valuable piece of information for Mr. Mayo, and I'm going to see him if I wait here until doomsday."

"Lots of people have pieces of information for him," she said—and then looked as if she could have bitten her tongue out.

"So you do know him?"

The tall man approached him from behind.

By TRAVERS HUTCHIN

"You're bothering this lady," he said quietly. "You'd better beat it—quick, before I fetch a policeman."

"Surely an ex-policeman doesn't need to call the police to throw another ex-policeman out?" Mike smiled sardonically.

"I think this gentleman is really trying to tell us something, Beavers," the girl said quietly.

"I am," responded Mike. "And it's rather nice to know that somebody is sufficiently intelligent at last to discover that."

"You are not exactly polite," she said, jolted by the emphasis that he put on the words "at last."

"I've been pushed into a dock this morning; your employer has had one of his horses killed; and a man has been murdered. I'm trying to find out whether he knows anything that would explain why all this happened, and also to try to warn him that his Derby horse is in danger. And I'm afraid the taste of that dock water has made me a little intolerant of obstruction from the members of Mayo's staff. So if you care to go and tell him these facts it would save me a lot of time. Because you see, I shall see him in the end, anyway—even if I have to go with the detective who is investigating the murder which was the cause of my present visit."

"A murder," the girl said. Her voice was low; shocked, but not hysterical.

"Yes. The man who unloaded Happy Munsterman from the ship on its arrival from Ireland was murdered."

"I am sorry. I am Moira Mayo. I will go and see my father at once. In fact, you had better come with me."

The man with her made a gesture of protest.

"It is quite all right, Beavers," she said. "I think we can trust this gentleman."

So you're old man Mayo's daughter, Mike thought, as they went up in the lift. Well, it won't do you any harm to be mistaken for the secretary. It may teach you not to say you'll ring a chap back when you have no intention of doing so.

Arthur Mayo was seated in the sitting-room of his suite. He showed no sign of surprise when his daughter brought Mike into the room.

"So you decided that he looked safe enough?" he said, with a smile to the girl.

"I'm afraid I gave her no option," said Mike. And he plunged straight into his story. Mayo's face was grave when he finished the narrative of the morning's events.

"Thank you for coming to see me, Mr. — By the way, what is your name? We didn't get quite that far when we talked this morning, though you appeared to know mine."

"Mine is not so famous, you see. It is Sullivan—Mike Sullivan. I have come because until the war, as I told you, I was a policeman. And I have an idea which I want to pass on to my police colleagues if there is anything in it."

"Not Major Mike Sullivan—the Mad Paratrooper?" asked the girl.

Mike bowed. He did not quite know what to say to that. He was always embarrassed by references to his war escapades.

A Mistake

"And what is the theory, Mr. Sullivan," asked Mayo.

"I wondered whether you could tell me what that man Diamond Hotchkiss said to you last night."

"Nothing of any moment, I can assure you. He was talking mainly about racing superstitions—you know, lucky numbers and that kind of thing. He was quite a mine of information, and most interesting."

"Lucky numbers? The only number Diamond has ever looked after is number one."

"Oddly enough, number two seems to be his lucky number. I was telling him that my horse Happy Munsterman always travels in box number 2 of my travelling boxes. I only found out afterwards that a mistake had been made and Munsterman put in box number 3. This chap seemed most interested in our talk, I must say."

"He would be," said Mike grimly. "But it wasn't a very lucky number for the poor dockerman who was murdered when they tried to sabotage box number 2 thinking Munsterman was in it."

A Friend

Soon afterwards Mike took his leave of Mayo and hurried to the Liverpool City Police headquarters to see his old friend Tom Satterthwaite.

"Inspector Satterthwaite is very busy—can't see anybody," he was told at the entrance.

"Tell him that Mike Sullivan knows who is behind the murder of Billy Flood, the dockerman. And don't waste time, because it is urgent," he replied tersely. And in a few moments he was in Tom's room, where two other detectives were already in conference with their chief.

"We literally haven't a clue, Mike," said Tom, his brow drawn in a worried frown. "Somebody obviously got into the dock on a faked Dock Board permit. That's happened before, I'm afraid. But nobody seems to have noticed him."

"Flood's mates in the ship did not see anybody unusual about—but they were working on other jobs some distance from him. I don't think it was one of them—they seem an honest enough looking bunch. Mayo's stable chaps and other minions were all over the place, confusing the clues in that respect. An unusual face would not have been noticed."

"I'll tell you who is behind it, Tom," said Mike. "Diamond Hotchkiss, who is in every racket on the turf, and elsewhere too, is the man you want to watch. He sailed over from Dublin and was pumping Arthur Mayo in the bar about which horsebox Happy Munsterman was travelling in."

"Mayo told him it was box No. 2—as it should have been. But actually the horse was in Box 3, and so it is still safe. Hotchkiss didn't know that, and put one of his crowd on the job of sabotaging the wrong one. I'm convinced that is what happened—so get the boys out to look for Hotchkiss and find out who has been with him recently."

"But look, Mike, they wouldn't murder this dockerman just for a horse," protested Satterthwaite.

"Wouldn't they?" commented Mike grimly. "I gather that there is a king's ransom already laid on it. It would be worth hundreds of thousands of pounds to some people if it didn't run in the Guineas and the Derby."

The others looked at him, still doubting.

"And don't forget that somebody tried to murder me as well, merely because I had spotted the cut rope, which was a vital clue. Surely you see the chain of consequences? The box falls because the rope was cut; I see the rope; as I am looking at it I am pushed into the water and a brick or something of the kind is thrown at my head. That seems clear enough. And if they would attempt one murder, unsuccessfully why assume that they did not also attempt the successful killing?"

"You're right, Mike," said Tom, after a pause. "The attempt on your life supplies the necessary proof that Flood's death was probably due to the attempt to kill the horse."

"And Diamond Hotchkiss's conversation with Mayo in the ship's bar is certainly tentative evidence of his interest in that horsebox," Mike pointed out. "Here you have a leading crook interested in the horse; an unsuccessful bid to nobble that same horse; an unsuccessful murder attempt; and a real murder. Damn it, man, it sticks out a mile. And Flood won't be the first

man who has died as a result of the Diamond Gang's work. In the days of the race gang, more than one man lost his life at their hands."

Convinced

Satterthwaite was obviously convinced at last. He gave hurried instructions to his subordinates that Hotchkiss's movements since the boat had docked must be traced at all costs and his associates on that fateful day discovered.

"But you know as well as I do, Mike, that I just daren't lay a finger on him at the moment. He'd have me for unlawful arrest in a jiffy. I can't pin a thing on him at the moment—a court wouldn't listen to our suspicions," he said gloomily.

"True enough," replied Sullivan. "But I'm not in the police force any longer. I'm not tied down to rules as much as you are—and I'm not going to let that crook try to bump me off without doing a bit in reply."

And, with that, he took his leave of Tom—whose face was a study of fear of an indiscreet action by Mike struggling with strong approval of his unofficial ally's tough determination.

Mike returned to his own hotel. It was a small one in a back street. Since his only money at the moment was his Army gratuity, he was not wasting any of it on luxury.

After he had washed he went down to the bar for a drink. The day had passed quickly and it was now evening. He felt the need of a pint of beer.

When he had settled down at a table with his drink he looked furtively round the bar. Most of the occupants were obviously commercial travellers refreshing themselves after their day's work. The atmosphere was blue with smoke—some of the stories he heard from the groups around him seemed to be equally blue.

He felt rather out of it all. All his neighbours in the room were in cheerful company, laughing and joking. All that is, except one trio, on whom his attention became fixed.

Out Of Place

They consisted of a very large, bull-necked specimen of manhood and two smaller, sleeker looking men. Mike knew the type of old. They seemed oddly out of place in this Liverpool commercial hotel. He would have expected to see them in a low-down club off Leicester-square—but not here.

The bull-necked man was clearly the boss. The others listened to him attentively when he spoke—which was not often. Most of the time the three sat silently over their drink, as if waiting for something to happen.

But what particularly interested Mike was the big man's head. His brow swept sharply back in an ape-like fashion—swept back to hair that was so closely cropped that he appeared at first to be bald.

And Mike remembered the hasty glance that he had had, as he fell into the dock, of a bald or closely cropped head. His glimpse had been too fleeting for him to identify the man—but closely-cropped heads were worth watching, especially when they were in the company of men who looked like West End crooks.

He wondered whether his imagination was running away with him. But he felt that the trio were as interested in him as he was in them. To test out his suspicion, he left the room and strolled into the hotel entrance. In a moment or two one of them was behind him, apparently reading a notice on the hotel bill-board. The girl in the reception desk called across to him.

"Mr Sullivan, there's a gentleman on the phone for you. A Mr. Mayo," she said.

The man gazing at the notice board did not seem interested. A little too uninterested, Mike felt.

He went into the phone box.

"I wonder if you could come over and see me this evening, Major Sullivan," said Arthur Mayo. "There's something I should like to talk over with you. If you can spare half an hour about nine, I should be grateful."

Mike said that nothing could please him more, and added that there were certain things that he would like to tell Mayo.

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Health Page

With many countries still subject to varying degrees of food rationing, New York correspondent Barbara Wace tells us of an American doctor who has put forward a claim which I almost hesitate to divulge in case it may be taken seriously by the food authorities. Doctor David Schwimmer maintains that three glasses of cold water and some small scones four times daily are all you need to keep healthy.

In a report just issued after three years of research under the sponsorship of the Committee on Food Research of the Army Quartermaster's Food and Container Institute, he declares that his "guinea-pigs"—soldiers and conscientious objectors—even felt like playing ping-pong at the end of forty days consistent scone-and-water diet.

This "survival" diet of only 900 calories, or a third of the minimum British daily ration, was begun three years ago in an effort to improve the standard of Air Corps Life Ration rations, but the scientists concerned now feel it could be extended to cover other situations, such as an atom war.

Nobody has yet suggested that the new diet will solve Europe's food problem, but Dr. Schwimmer does say that too much stress has in the past been laid on caloric intake in wartime diets, and too little to the fat, protein and starch components. The rations contain 25% egg, protein, 30% fat, 45% starch or carbohydrate.

All this is extremely interesting but we must confess to being among those whose motto is "Four Square Meals a Day"—if you can get them.

SMOKING EVILS

The British Medical Journal reports experiments indicating that tobacco smoking interferes with the fertility of rats and men.

In the human cases the experimenters measured the activity of sperm and found that this movement decreased with smoking and reappeared when smoking was stopped. Lack of sperm activity is one of the numerous reasons assigned for human infertility.

The rats were injected with nicotine. This reduced the number of offspring about half.

These experiments top a long series by many different doctors and scientists on effects of tobacco smoking. Many suggest bad effects but none have claimed to prove these effects completely.

The late Raymond Pearl of Johns Hopkins made the most famous experiments, a study of more than 6,000 smokers. He was credited with declaring that these studies showed smoking shortened life.

But he did not say precisely that. He said that if the results should still be the same after his study included 100,000 human beings, then there would be proof that tobacco shortens life. Dr. Pearl died before completing the extended study.

Dr. Alton Ochsner, world famous surgeon, of New Orleans, has published medical charts showing that a curve drawn to show the increase in tobacco smoking is fairly well paralleled by a curve of the rise of cancer of the lungs.

Dr. Walter L. Mendennall of Boston University found a steady effect on the nerves after two cigarettes and the reverse after too many were smoked. He set the safe limit at about half a pack per day.

Smoking has been shown to speed up the rate of breathing and the pulse rate. It has been shown to cause constriction of blood vessels. The latter finding was a war report in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Mayo Clinic scientists who made the report suggested it might not be a good thing to hand a cigarette to a wounded soldier because this constriction might be bad for some kinds of wounds.

Several studies have shown that the surface temperature of fingers and toes is often reduced, sometimes ten degrees, by smoking one or two cigarettes. But deep breathing also has been shown to cause similar temperature drops.

At the Medical College of Virginia, at Richmond, rats were subjected to smoke blown into their cages by a smoking machine. The smoked rats lived as long as the unsmoked, in fact averaged a bit longer lives. But the non-smoked rats were fatter and heavier.

Yale studies show that a smoke added a small bit of sugar to the blood, through the effect of the nicotine on adrenal glands. This sugar comes from the body stores. Sugar is an energy food and this study concludes that sugar might account for cases of relieving fatigue by taking a smoke.

Organising World Health

Many nations received invaluable public assistance from the World Health Organisation during last year. Important progress was also made in the technical programme which had been mapped out. A review of the activities undertaken by the Organisation's Interim Commission during the past 12 months has just been published by its Director, Dr. Frank Caldecone.

Several activities formerly carried on by separate organisations have been amalgamated and numerous technical responsibilities of previous international health bodies correlated. The work of the League of Nations' Health Organisation, the International Office of Public Health and the Health Division

of UNRRA is now being done by the World Health Organisation.

Under a worldwide fellowship programme, with a capital of US\$1,500,000, 190 candidates have been selected by the Commission from nine nations. Some of these will follow special studies in Britain while others have been placed in Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Hungary, the Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Russia and the United States.

The Commission also provided special field services to aid health authorities in several countries. Medical missions were sent to China, Ethiopia, Greece, Italy, Austria, Poland and Hungary.

A spectacular demonstration of the benefits to be derived from many nations co-operating against a common disease danger was given in Egypt. A serious outbreak of cholera was confined within the country and brought under control within two months. It is the first time in medical history that an epidemic which spread at the rate of more than 1,000 new cases each day has been checked in so short a time.

Thirty-two tons of vaccine, blood plasma and other supplies urgently needed for treatment and prevention of cholera were sent to Egypt and neighbouring countries. More than 5,000,000 cubic centimetres of vaccine were delivered by air.

The Commission was set up by the International Health Conference which met in New York last year. Seventeen United Nations members and seven non-members have already ratified the W.H.O. Constitution. A World Health Assembly will be called as soon as the 20th United Nations member signs the ratification. This will be during the present year and arrangements are being made for the assembly to be held in the Western hemisphere.

Trouble With The Thyroid

"I get so irritable and nervous, doctor I'm a worry to my husband and children," complained Mrs. Swinson, a young married mother of a pigeon pair.

"I've lost a stone in weight over the past three months, in spite of an enormous appetite. My husband tells me I'm getting to look like Joan Crawford about the eyes. My heart seems to be going quickly, too," she added.

I asked Mrs. Swinson to stretch out her hands in front of her, and I watched the tips of her fingers. They showed a fine tremor. Her pulse rate was half as rapid again as it should have been.

"Your trouble is in the thyroid gland," I told her. "But before we can start you on the modern treatment with thiouracil, I want you to see a pathologist and have a breathing test. If your thyroid is over-active, the test will show that your body cells are using more oxygen than normal."

"I was afraid I had a goitre, doctor. That's why I put off coming to you. I thought you might advise an operation."

"A general rule, operation is still the best treatment for goitre in older women, but wonderful results are being obtained by medical treatment in younger people. But like most other troubles, the sooner they are brought under control the better," I told her.

"Will this new treatment make my eyes less prominent?" asked Mrs. Swinson.

"Not usually," I told her. "But Joan Crawford's eyes won her film fame, so that should not be a disadvantage. The slight swelling of your neck won't be affected, either, but that will not be so noticeable when you regain normal weight, as your general condition improves."

"How will the treatment affect me?" she asked.

"It will slow down your heart action, make you less excitable and nervous, and generally improve your health," I told her. "Thiouracil is a powerful drug, and you must see me once a week for the next few weeks. I want to keep a watch on your pulse rate and blood pressure, and I'll prick your finger each time you come so that I can control the effect of the drug on your blood cells. You must help me to help you by living a more quiet life."

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Children's Page

A CHRISTMAS STORY

"The children at the Castle are going to have a Christmas tree" proclaimed Peter, "and it's going to be all a-dazzle with lights and things."

"Such things are not for us. They cost too much, but you are going to have a new pair of boots, which is more useful," his mother sighed, knowing how hard it was to manage.

On Christmas Eve, Peter's grandfather went into the wood, and after searching found a little fir-tree, standing like a fairy on one leg, wearing a crinoline of snow crystals. The old man dug it out carefully and carried it away. He walked through a wooden gate and on the garden path to his woodshed, where he left the tree.

After supper, when Peter had gone to bed, the old man went and fetched the little tree into the house. The mother dropped her sewing in surprise. She gazed at the green tree, in its perfect beauty. As for the fir-tree, it plucked up courage and looked around the room.

"I am going to buy things to hang on it, so you plant it for me. I am going to be extravagant for once." The grandfather laughed, and set off.

While he was gone, the mother planted it in plenty of soil in a big earthenware jar. After some time the old man came back with bulging pockets and a brown paper parcel. He took out his purchases, and he hung them on the tree so that it looked as if it had stepped straight out of Fairyland.

On the top of the tree he tied a mid-gel of a dill, with a wisp of tinsel, while he placed a glass bird in the nest which he found in the tree. It quivered with delight, so that it sparkled and gleamed in the firelight.

Dawn came, and the mother prepared the breakfast. There was a patter of feet, the door burst open and Peter came in, carrying a bulging stocking in his hand.

"A Merry Christmas!" he exclaimed, hugging his mother and grandfather. Then he saw the fir-tree, standing as demure as a little girl in her first party frock, and he gave a shout.

"A Christmas tree! Where did it come from? How lovely! Oh! There is a nest—and there's a bird in it, too." He danced around the tree, singing.

"Just see if that bird has laid any eggs," said his smiling grandfather, and when Peter slipped his hand into the nest, he found a silver sixpence.

That was a day for the fir-tree to remember. It stood in the centre of the festivities, listening to the Christmas songs, and watching Christmas games.

In a few days the old grandfather took the fir-tree and planted it carefully in its original place, so that it stood firmly once more among its old companions for ever more.

(Rayburn Lim (12), Kowloon. Award**).

THE PIXIES' PARTY

Once upon a time in a little village in Fairyland, there lived a little pixie whose name was Tiddly-winks.

One day it was Tiddly-winks' birthday, and he did not want old Mr. Grumpy to come. Mr. Grumpy went to parties, picnics and dances whether he was invited or not, so Tiddly-winks felt sure that Mr. Grumpy would come to his party.

But Tiddly-winks thought of a plan. He would dig a big hole in the floor and put his dust bin on top, first making a hole in the bottom of the dust-bin. Then he would paint the bin a lovely green, and put a red velvet cloth on top, all ready for the party.

When the party started, of course Mr. Grumpy came. When Mr. Grumpy went to sit on the stool, as he thought it was, he fell right down through the hole. And that was the end of him.

And a kind pixie gave Tiddly-winks a big box of chocolates for getting rid of Mr. Grumpy.

(Veronica Hounsell, (8), Kowloon. Award**).

The Little Dragon

Children's Page: "Australian Woman's Mirror."

A Dragon lives in my picture-book—

A little fat Dragon, with smiling look.

I know quite well, Could I work the spell, Which I must find out by hook or crook,

That he'd heavily flit from his storybook

On his sunny half-folded wings green-scaly,

Up-and-down, butterfly-like and gaily,

Over our pansies and mignonette.

And I'll give him cake, and he'll be my pet,

Sleep on my bed-rail like a perching fowl:

When the Next-door Boy dares me to fight him,

I'll soothe my Dragon to fly and bite him;

He's cowardly-custard—I know he'll howl!

—Ex-Pic.

A STORMY NIGHT

When I creep into my bed
On a wild and windy night,
When Dad has warmly tucked me in
And switched out every light

I lie and listen to the wind,
As it blows in sudden squalls,
It bangs and rattles window-frames
And shakes the very walls.

I listen to the drops of rain
A-drumming on the glass;
And softening all the noises of
The vehicles that pass.

I think of helpless birds and beasts,
Exposed to wind and rain;
Of little shivering, homeless things
That search for warmth, in vain.

And thoughts of sailors far at sea,
Longing for dawn to break,
Disturb my mind and move my heart,
And keep me wide awake.

But when I've breathed a prayer and said,

"Dear Father, please to keep
Thy little children from all harm"—
I then can go to sleep.

(Parkash Chander (15), Hong Kong. Award**)

CORRECTION

I regret to have to announce that the poem "Smokey", which appeared in last week's issue, has been credited to the wrong person.

"Smokey" was published in the Central British School's magazine "The Lion" in December, and the author was given as a little girl called Joyce Morris, aged 12. We are, therefore, awarding her the four stars we gave to William Higgs last week.

Boys and Girls, what about sending in YOUR contribution to the Children's Page?

For each original entry published we award you stars, and when you have received ten stars you will receive the Mystery Prize. It's great fun to see your own contributions printed.

Come on — who's coming in next week?

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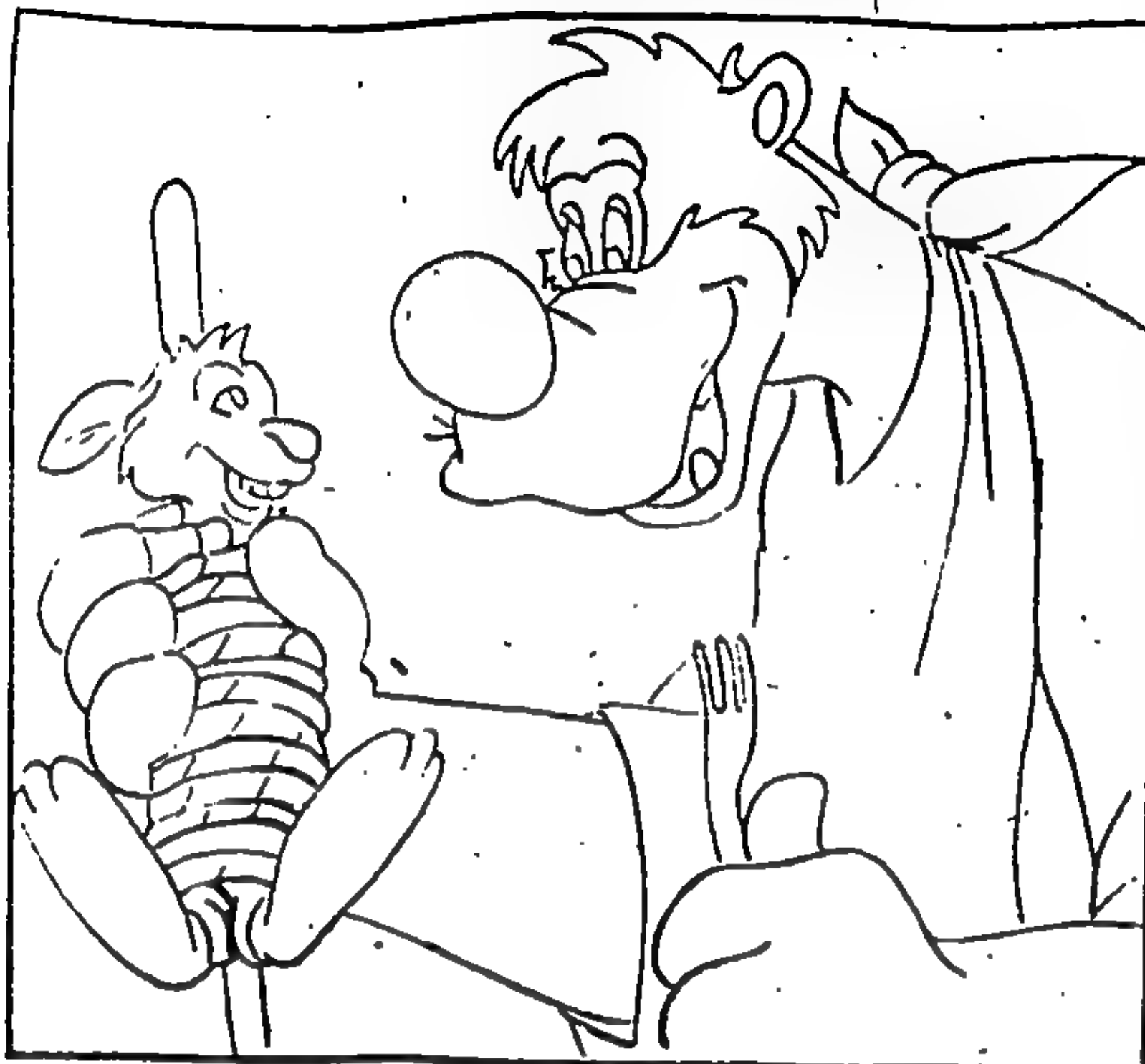
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Eskimos Follow An Ageless Pattern

A Primitive People Adhere to Customs of Their Fathers and Are Happy

By Helen Henley

Without formal laws or government, in the grim and sometimes mysterious fastness of the North Pole region, Polar Eskimos are living together in the Concord which people the world over are today struggling to attain. Although nominally subject to the Danish Government since 1917, they manage their affairs according to their own pattern, centuries-old.

"They're the happiest people I've ever met," Commander Donald B. MacMillan told me when he returned a few weeks ago from revisiting these Eskimos in the course of his 25th expedition to the Far North. "They just don't seem to have any troubles. They sing and laugh, and nothing ever appears to bother them."

Only 305 of these primitive people survive today, and they adhere closely to customs followed by their fathers, with every detail of their living governed by the need of procuring food.

The best hunter of the community becomes a leader. The most successful wear polar bearskin pants, winter and summer. The polar bearskin may be too hot in the summer season, but that makes no difference. They are worn as a mark of distinction—a badge of prowess.

Small Villages

Polar Eskimos live in small villages extending from Cape York to Etah, North Greenland, with the largest settlement of about 100 people located at Umanak. There are even two or three small villages at Inglesfield Gulf, way up at about 77 degrees north latitude.

Miriam MacMillan, wife of the Commander, who shipped aboard the schooner Bowdoin last summer as a member of the crew, as she has done on four of her husband's previous expeditions, saw many changes in the Polar Eskimos' way of living since her first visit there in 1938.

Some of them at Umanak have acquired houses of wood to replace their igloos of rock and sod which were formerly their winter quarters. When I talked with Mrs. MacMillan, she attributed such changes to the influence of Danish missionaries and others coming into that area in recent years, although even now, these Polar people live more primitively than the Eskimos in South Greenland.

Since they eat meat almost exclusively, they depend upon hunting for their food. Most of this is done in summer, and then families move from their igloos into sealskin tents. Through the summer, they travel from place to place, going wherever they find food. If they want walrus, they go north, and settle there for a while. They net little auks (Arctic birds known also as dovekeys) and hunt seal. Polar bears, however, they can get only in winter or in the spring when travel by dog team is permitted.

Mighty Hunter

With food, the main concern, the happiest man in the North, according to the Commander, is the one who feeds many people. Only a mighty hunter can do that, so he is respected and looked up to.

If one family runs out of food, everyone packs up and moves over to a friend's where the larder is better supplied. This compliments the host, in the Eskimo view, and the visitors are welcomed. If he is "eaten out of house and home" then host and guests to-

gether pack up and move on to a third household which has been stocked by an even mightier provider.

A hostess's poise is never shaken by such arrival, nor is she concerned about having enough guest rooms—in these Polar homes, everyone, including the children, sleeps on one big bed-platform.

Since the elderly necessarily depend on the young hunters for food, the greatest tragedy of the North, the MacMillans explained to me, is for a couple to be childless. But their friends don't merely sympathize. A family with many children will give a child or two to the less fortunate couple, and the foster mother and father bring them up as their own, and they in turn are assured of support in their old age.

Tests of Strength

Sometimes, parents will betroth their children to one another at birth, and they marry at 14 or 15 years of age. In the past these people have practiced polygamy, but this custom may be changing along with others, as civilization moves closer.

If disputes arise, they are settled by wrestling or finger pulling—tests of strength which are bloodless contests.

Contrary to popular conception, the MacMillans informed me, the Polar Eskimos do not sleep through the long Arctic winter night.

"People don't realize," the Commander pointed out to me, "that for the same reason that the sun goes around in the sky and leaves the Arctic in darkness for six months of the year, for 12 days in each month the Arctic moon never sets. During those 12 moonlit days and nights, the Polar Eskimos go calling. They take their dog teams and visit their relatives, their sons and daughters and friends, and have a wonderful time."

One of the greatest thrills of the



Group of Polar Eskimos Living in Inglesfield Gulf, North Greenland

He also saw Ootag, an old man now, who was a valuable assistant to Peary for 18 years and the only one of the four Eskimos who stood with Peary at the North Pole who is still living. (Commander MacMillan was in charge of one of the support parties on Peary's successful expedition to the North Pole.)

The repeated comings of Donald B. MacMillan to their remote home through the long years have become a legend to the Polar Eskimos. The story is told again and again to their children in the dark igloos as they become old enough to listen. When the white schooner, Bowdoin, is sighted far off, the whole village piles into kayaks and anything else which floats, and goes out to meet her.

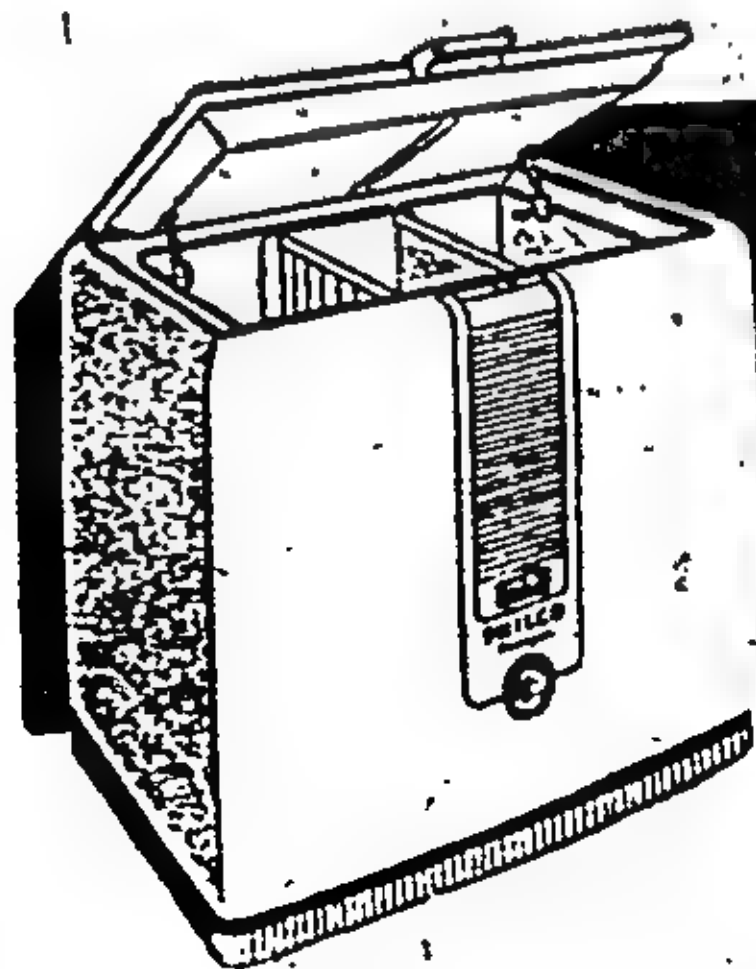
Gifts To Friends

They know they are welcome on board, and they bring gifts to their good friends—intricately decorated leather work, necklaces and trinkets of carved ivory, and other treasures of the North. The Bowdoin's host and hostess distribute to their visitors candy, gum, crackers, peanut butter, coffee, tea, soap—and coloured candles, in which they take special delight.

While the MacMillans stay, the Eskimos refuse to sleep. They can sleep any time, they say, but the visit of these white people whom they love is all too short.

"They are a marvellous people in their own land," Commander MacMillan told me in a tone which bespoke his deep affection for them.

Some of their practical wisdom is expressed in the words of one Eskimo, who said to him, "There's plenty of room. We never need to live with those we do not like. The world is large enough to hold us all." Perhaps the freedom they feel to live and travel only with "those they like" accounts in some measure for their happiness.—"Christian Science Monitor"



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win, with a deep bow.

"Then that lets me out, because I
haven't got an old soap-box," retorted
Queen Victoria.

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language of their own. For your
guidance here is a short list of some
common herbs and their meanings:

Ladies' Smock: "Aren't I clever!
I've made this ball gown from an old
bed-head!"

Watercress: "Penny drink half a
crown for a small diluted whisky!"

Romney Grass: "I'm sick to death of
calories, aren't you? What I need is a
steak!"

Fumitory: "Would you mind awfully
if I put your little dog in basic slag
I think."

Madder: "Don't talk now, but I think
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NEWS QUIZ

1. Do you remember which day this week saw the abdication of King Michael of Rumania?
2. Who has been appointed to lead the British Service's Mission in Burma?
3. SCAP is taking steps to make sure that the recurring menace of a fever which used to be, and still is prevalent in Japan, should not spread this year. What fever is it they fear?
4. The shipwreck of the "Kina", and the rescue of her survivors, has been creating wide-spread sympathy both here and in Manila. What small island did the vessel strike?
5. The comet which has been sighted over England recently is reported by Copenhagen Observatory to have split. Greenwich Observatory does not confirm this report—do you know the "official" name of the comet?
6. King Victor Emmanuel, formerly King of Italy, died this week. "of a broken heart". It is only a few weeks since the declaration of Italy as a Republic was announced. What day did the king die?
7. Mr. E. W. Barltrop, OBE, DSO visits the Colony this week. He has come to investigate labour problems, and in a Press conference he described labour costs in Hong Kong as "not high." What is Mr. Barltrop's official position?

(Answers in Page 4)

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. It has been proposed that a statue to the memory of the late President Roosevelt be erected in London. Two other American presidents are also commemorated in London. Do you know which two?
2. Can you name the six states of Australia?
3. Every small boy knows what FBI stands for, in his own language. But what does FBI represent in England?
4. Echo, before she became just An Echo, was a nymph who fell into the bad graces of Juno (which was an unfortunate thing to do) and was forbidden to use her tongue "Except for that one purpose you are so fond of—reply." This dictum had a fatal effect on poor Echo, besides considerably influencing the fate of her lover. Who was her lover?
5. The Salvation Army, founded in 1865 by General William Booth, is today established in 97 countries throughout the world. The name of The Salvation Army was taken in 1878, and before that the organisation was known as—what?
6. "Daughter am I in my mother's house, But mistress in my own" has been adapted for more mundane usage than was originally intended. Where did the phrase come from?

(Answers in Page 9)

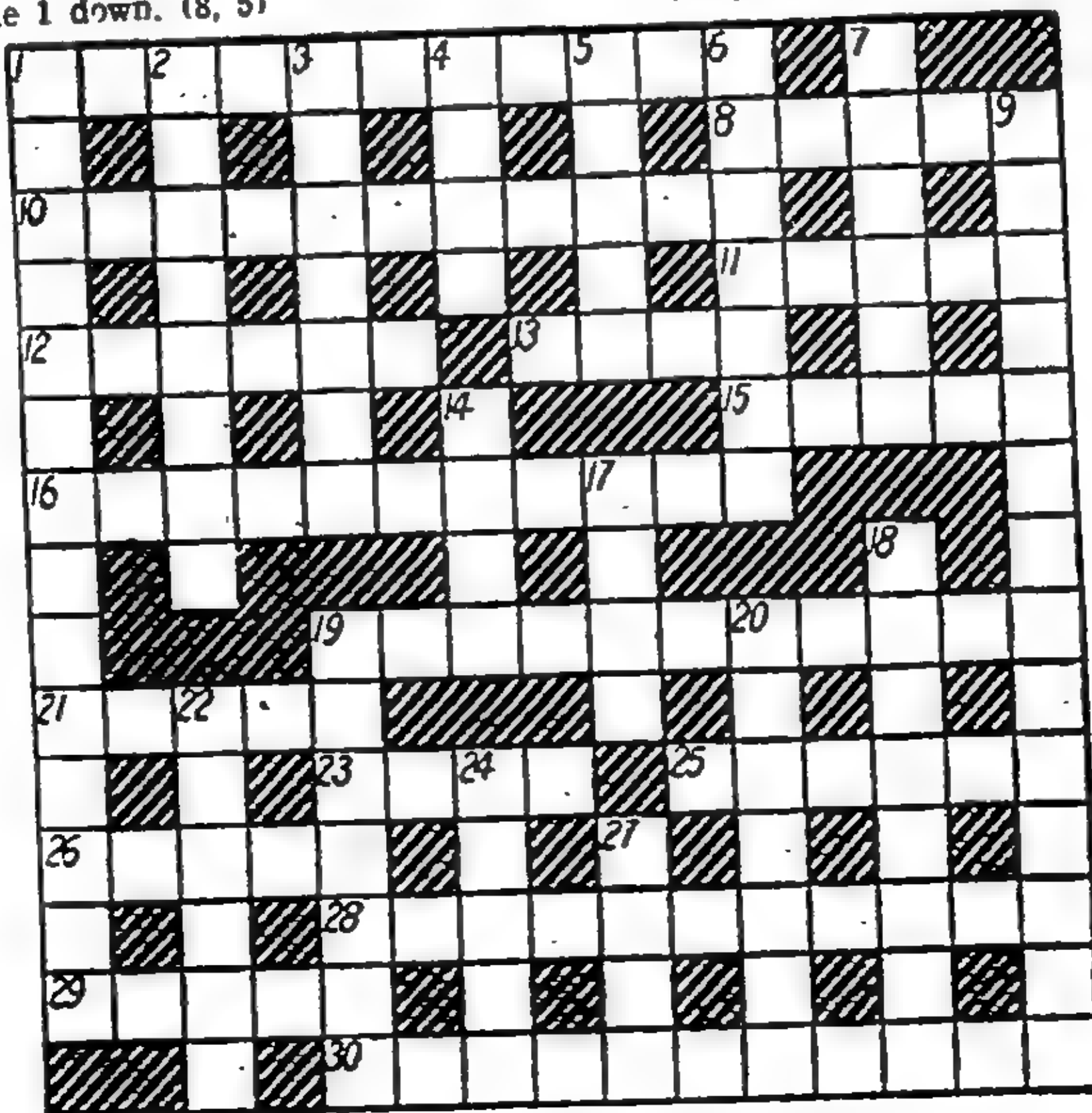
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CROSSWORD No. 37**

ACROSS

- 1 8 30 as a magician. (6, 2, 3, 5)
- 10 William of the Walls. (7, 4)
- 11 So the choir's in divine vein. (5)
- 12 Sarah's absent from the theatre practice. (6)
- 12 See 9. (4)
- 15 Hofer's land. (5)
- 16 Such people certainly count. (11)
- 19 The soup to disable? (6, 5)
- 21 The bottom deck. (5)
- 23 My! The Academy is first upset (4)
- 25 Wearing dancing shoes; that's questioned. (6)
- 26 His output might be large. (5)
- 28 "One blast upon his bugle horn were worth a thousand men" (30). (8, 3)
- 30 He was Unknown as producer of the 1 down. (8, 5)

DOWN

- 1 Even war volleys figure in them. (8, 6)
- 2 The time when there's nothing on? (4, 4)
- 3 Grain way in S.E. London. (3, 4)
- 4 The beast encloses New York in stone. (4)
- 5 In I went. (5)
- 6 Listens to the sergeant perhaps. (7)
- 7 His coming was an idyll. (6)
- 9, 13 Wittkind's son (by 30), not the conqueror's brave foe. (6, 3, 9)
- 14 In this game you get away with nothing. (4)
- 17 It's not repeated in 26's violin concerto. (4)
- 18 Benedick was a favourite of his. (3, 5)
- 19 Philip in Tudor poetry. (7)
- 20 A bus 17 seen in jumps. (7)
- 22 Leave as an envoy. (6)
- 24 Cromwell's 23 was a new one. (5)
- 27 This tongue's a bit of over-sea-soning. (4)



SOLUTION TO No. 36.—Across: 1 Parson Pump, 6 1088, 9 Ins. vents, 10 Spin, 12 Cow, 13 Exterminate, 14 Shoulder high, 18 Interpreters, 21 Riding glove, 23 Die, 24 Ossa, 25 Inventions, 26 Tune, 27 Respirator.
Down: 1 Princess, 2 Rosewood, 3 Silver lining, 4 Pleat, 5 Motor-ship, 7 By-play, 8 Sunset, 11 Single-seater, 15 Emergence, 16 Headmost, 17 As-sessor, 19 Try out, 20 Odds on, 22 One up.

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By YARBOROUGH

Bidding to show features on Slam hands, however elaborately conventional it may be, is of little help on hands with freakish distributions and in particular on those with a void in a suit. The individual cue bid, should be used on these hands. Here is example from London where it was futile to use the Blackwood, and where ordinary cue bids would have given the precise information required for a Slam bid.

SOUTH (dealer). NORTH.

S. Q H. none D. K Q 9 x x x x C. J 10 x x
N. S. A K J 9 x x x H. K Q J D. J 10 x C. none

South, the dealer, opened with Three Diamonds, West bid Four Clubs North should now have bid Five Clubs to confirm Diamonds and show his void in this suit, but he actually bid Four No-trumps, which confirmed Diamonds but left his partner in the dark about his many losers in Clubs. Note that a bid of Five Clubs by North would have allowed the partners, if necessary, to stop in Five Diamonds. South in response to the Blackwood Four No-trumps, denied Aces by bidding Five Clubs, and North, in spite of this denial, bid Six Diamonds, shooting a Slam on the faint hope that something would happen. Something did happen because South had an unexpected void in Hearts. How simple it would have been to bid this Slam if North had bid Five Clubs instead of Four No-trumps, and if South had then avoided slinging off with Five Diamonds and responded with Five Hearts, another cue bid North could next have bid Five Spades and left to South the final bid of Six Diamonds. East held the Ace of Hearts and two other Aces and his partner had bid Four Clubs yet the Slam could not have been beaten.



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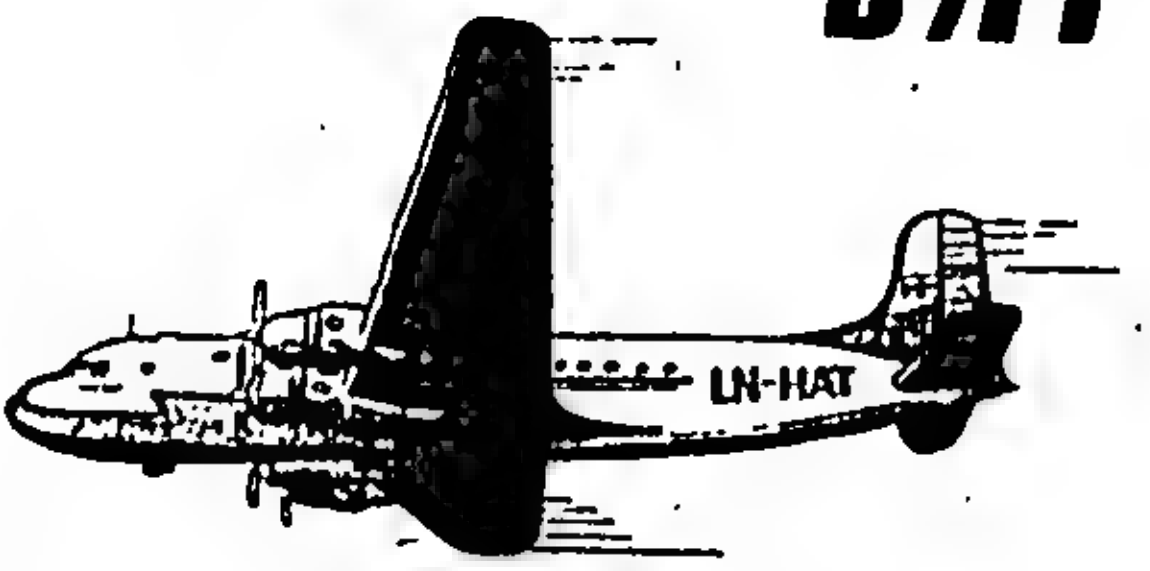
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BRITISH COMMUNISTS' PLAN

Challenge To The Labour Government

Cabinet Changes Advocated

London, Jan. 3.

A drastic slashing of Britain's armed forces would permit large-scale housing and capital development programmes, achievement of the export targets and an increase in consumption, the British Communist Party "Three-Year Plan," published today, declared.

Britain has been told by the Labour Government that the dollar crisis compels it to limit housing plans and reduce industrial development so as to free manpower and steel for the export drive which is to pay for food.

The arguments of the Cripps Plan are challenged by the Communists in their detailed counter-plan in preparation for their new campaign of intense opposition to the Labour Government.

The Communist solution of Britain's crisis is to reduce the armed forces which, under the present Governmental plans, will be down to 937,000 by the end of March, to 500,000 in the course of this year and eventually to 400,000.

Furthermore, the Communists say that another 500,000 women could be attracted into industry if they were immediately granted equal pay with men.

Optimistic

Their plan is based on the assumption that the total labour force can thus be increased this summer by 750,000 over last year's figure and by another 100,000 by 1950.

On this basis, the Communists have set optimistic production targets for housing, engineering, coal, steel, agriculture, export and home consumption of industrial goods, but they do not mention food consumption.

Advocating extensive trade agreements with the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, including British development credits to these countries the plan suggests that among British imports, raw materials such as scrap and timber should be given priority over food.

It also urges that British coal exports "must not be thrown indiscriminately into a general European pool either under the Marshall Plan or under any other arrangement."

The Communists conclude that such a programme can only be carried out by "changes in the Labour Government, eliminating those mainly responsible for the present right wing Labour imperialist policy and based upon the progressive forces in the Labour Movement."

Blunt Retort

A blunt retort to the Communist challenge is published by the Labour "Daily Herald," in an editorial.

"If there is a section of opinion in this land which has forfeited the right to lecture to the people of Britain, that section is the Communist Party."

The paper says that differences about a possible reduction of the armed forces could exist among "good Socialists," but the Communists, whose performance in battle against Fascism shows plainly that they acknowledge no loyalty to their fellow countrymen, have not the faintest right to advise on this matter.

"To them no spectacle would be more pleasing than that of a militarily powerless Britain unable to resist pressure from outside of an anti-ideology which the Communists are preaching inside."

"The Communist 'Three Year Plan' is yet another attempt to undermine the position of Britain as the bulwark against dictatorship."—Reuter.



Three of the Big Four attended the dinner given by the Pilgrim Society in honour of Mr. George C. Marshall, U.S. Secretary of State, at the Dorchester Hotel, London. Photo shows Mr. Marshall speaking, Mr. George Bidault, French Foreign Minister, is at left listening avidly, and centre, is Prime Minister Clement Attlee, reclining. (A Photo).

Soviet Press Go To Town

Moscow, Jan. 3.

Russian newspapers opened the New Year with the biggest and bitterest concentration yet of articles and cartoons lampooning and denouncing "warmongers," the "dollar imperialists" of the United States, and their "satellites."

Ilya Ehrenburg, writing in Pravda, the official Communist Party organ, said that on the side of the "American beast of prey" were only "hired writers and hired murderers," but with the Soviet Union were the peoples of the whole world.

The cartoons of most newspapers, drawing a distinction between the peoples of nations and their leaders, denounced the Marshall Plan, and hailed as warmongers "and their agents", among others, Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. James Byrnes, Sir Oswald Mosley, General Charles de Gaulle, Mr. John Foster Dulles and General Franco.

A Trud (organ of the Trade Union Central Committee) cartoon gathered them all together in a jazz band, under the baton of a cigar-smoking Wall Streeter, with a dollar sign in his hand, conducting the "Truman Symphony".

The Moscow fortnightly Bolshevik cartoon had an American "imperialist" holding a Christmas tree laden with atom bombs, a halter, chains and torches, with the words: "Summons to War".

Izvestia displayed Uncle Sam of 1947, with the "secret" label on the atom bomb in his pocket crossed out, handing over to Uncle Sam of 1948 a heavy load of inflation, higher prices and unemployment.—Reuter.

U.S. MARINES MISSING

Tientsin, Jan. 3.

United States Marine Headquarters announced today that five Marines had been missing since Christmas Day and were feared to have fallen into the hands of Chinese Communists while on a hunting trip.

The party's jeep was found abandoned beyond authorized hunting limits. Names of the missing men were withheld.—Associated Press.

Warming Up The Army

London, Jan. 3.

The War Office announced that, as a result of consultations with the Ministry of Fuel and Power, it has been found possible to increase the allocation of coal to the Army which should enable heating arrangements in barracks rooms and certain other army buildings to be improved.

Replying to questions in the House of Commons earlier this month, the Secretary for War, Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, said that the solid fuel available for the Army was not sufficient to maintain the necessary standard of heating in barracks rooms.

It was only right that the Army, like other consumers, should exercise the greatest possible economies.—Reuter.

Big Fire In New York

New York, Jan. 2.

A major fire, which spread to two converted blocks of flats, blanketed New York's West Side at Columbus Circle, a few blocks north of Times Square, in dense smoke today, which firemen said was "the worst they had seen in 20 years of fighting fires."

A number of people, many in their nightclothes, scrambled down ladders to safety.

An 80-year-old woman leapt to safety into a life net.

Eight firemen were overcome by smoke.—Reuter.

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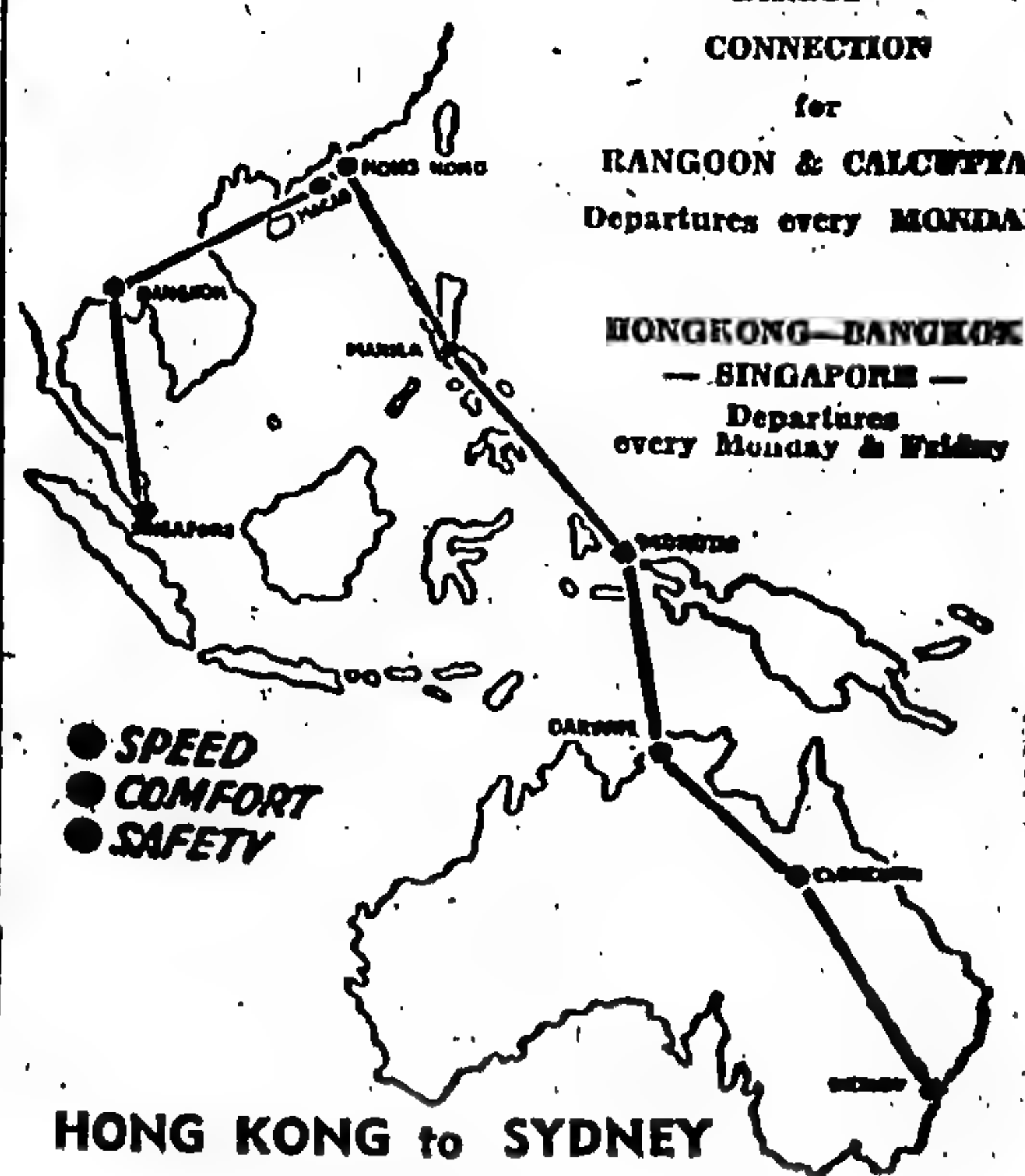
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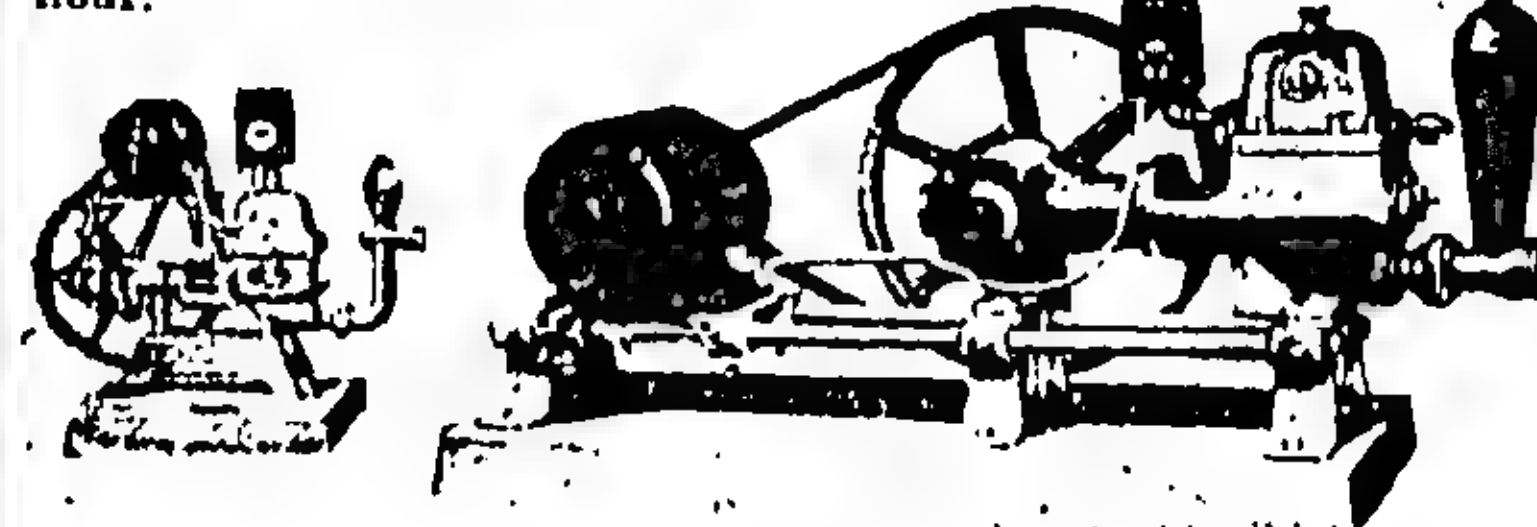
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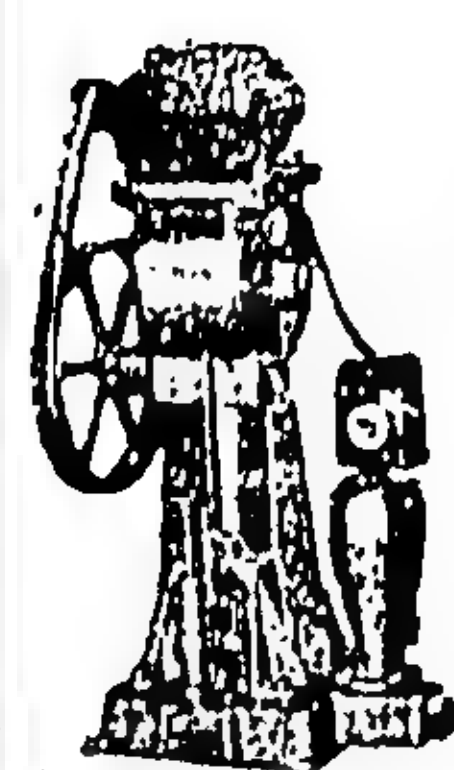
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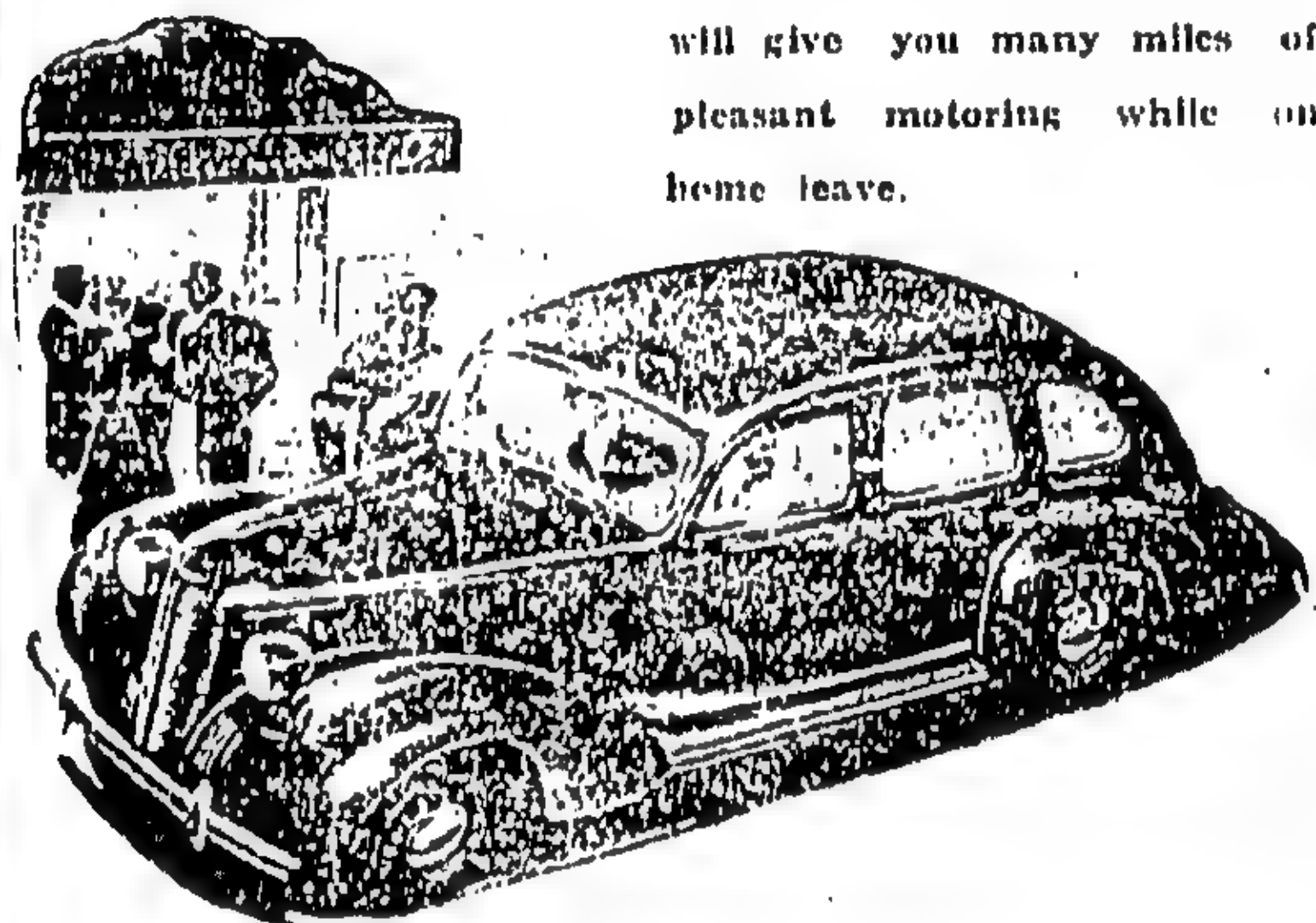
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ARBITER OF JAPAN'S FATE

Moscow On Aims Of American Occupation

"Elimination" Of Other Powers

London, Jan. 3.

The United States aimed to remain master in Japan and had eliminated all the other great powers from participation in the occupation and control of that country, Professor Eidus, the Soviet historian, declared in a lecture quoted by Moscow Radio today.

The United States had emerged as the sole trustee of Japan and "the arbiter of her fate" as the time approached for the conclusion of a peace treaty, Professor Eidus said.

When Britain supported the American policy in the Far East, there were growing differences between the two powers, he went on.

Professor Eidus said: "Since the Second World War, Britain has been playing the role of a junior partner to the United States, subordinating her own policy to that of Wall Street. However, the mask of friendly relations hides profound contradictions between the two countries. In particular, these contradictions are clearly displayed in Japan."

British "Alarm"

"For many decades, Britain occupied a dominating position in the Far East. Now, how-

ever, the United States has almost completely ousted the British from the Far East.

"It is quite natural that British capitalists are alarmed at this.

"The British oppose the United States' intention to convert Japan into an East Asiatic workshop, competing with other East Asiatic countries including the British colonies.

"Since the British fear the competition of Japan, they favour a lowering of the industrial level set for Japan by America.

"They do not agree to the American notion of freeing Japan from payment of reparations and demand payment to Britain and her Dominions.

"There are not a few contradictions between the British and American capitalists. But both the British and the Americans are endeavouring to hide this fact in every way, in order to maintain the anti-democratic front against the USSR and the countries of the new democracy."—Reuter.

BING STILL FAVOURITE

Hollywood, Jan. 3.
Bing Crosby was the screen's box office favourite for the fourth successive year, the 1947 American Film Trade Journal "Motion Picture Herald" announced today after a poll of exhibitors.

Others on the poll in the order of their popularity were: Betty Grable, Ingrid Bergman, Gary Cooper, Humphrey Bogart, Bob Hope, Clark Gable and Alan Ladd.—Reuter.

Talks On Merger In Germany

London, Jan. 3.
Competent French informants said today that Great Britain, the United States and France had started informal talks on the merger of the three Western occupation zones of Germany.

The informants said the talks were being conducted in normal diplomatic channels and at this stage were tentative. They were intended primarily to establish a basis for the conclusion of the eventual merger of the Anglo-American Zones with the French Zone.

The talks also would include prospects of economic progress in Germany after the expected merger.—United Press.

MALAYAN GRANT

Singapore, Jan. 3.
Anyone in the Malayan Union or Singapore who was kept out of a job during the Japanese occupation because of previous military service with the British is to receive a special Government grant, according to an announcement made by local authorities. A joint tribunal has been set up to hear claims. Associated Press.



Communist deputies were involved in scuffles with police outside the Parliament House during the second day of Rome's general strike. The police were trying to disperse a crowd when several Communists came out on to the steps. This photo shows one of them, Signor Giuliana, Paletta (centre foreground), about to be struck by a policeman's rubber truncheon. It is reported that he was knocked insensible. (A.P.H.)



Firemen fight the blaze after Arabs had set fire to a Jewish store a few yards from the Central Police Bilet (seen in background behind steel fence and barricade) during anti-partition rioting in Jerusalem on Dec. 13. This fresh outbreak of terrorism inflicted no casualties but the structure of the store was gutted by fire. A few minutes later, Jews bombed an Arab throng at Damascus gate, killing six and injuring many others. (A Photo.)

FRANCO-U.S. PACT FOR INTERIM AID

Paris, Jan. 3.
A US\$300,000,000 Franco-American interim aid agreement, which makes provision for the immediate shipment to France of food, fuel, medical supplies, fertilisers and seeds was signed here tonight by the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, and the American Ambassador to France, Mr. Jefferson Caffery.

Signing the agreement, which implements the Foreign Aid Act of 1917 approved by Congress on Dec. 17, Mr. Caffery said that while France had made encouraging progress towards economic recovery, it was evident some months ago that unless something were done quickly by the United States, French wheat imports would be cut and coal and petrol imports substantially decreased, and possibly even entirely eliminated.

He added: "A crisis was impending which, unless resolved, would have resulted in a further reduction in the already inadequate diet of the French people, in the closing of factories with resulting unemployment and impairment of transportation through the lack of fuel."

"The agreement which we have signed today is in the nature of a response by the American people to this emergency situation."

"In the same spirit in which they recently dispatched their 'Friendship Train' to the American people have agreed to a part of the taxes they are paying to assist France to all-vic conditions of hunger and cold, and to prevent serious economic regression."

"The meaning of the United States foreign aid programme to France is best defined in terms of the receipts in France of the scarce commodities urgently needed to support French economic recovery."

"Without awaiting the signing of today's agreement, critically needed items actually being unloaded in French ports, became subject to payment from United States aid funds. Among these items are part of the allocation of United States supplies to France of 3,435,000 tons of bread grains for December-January, 1947-1948, and 1,000,000 tons of coal for December, 1947."—Reuter.

CYCLE PIONEER

London, Jan. 3.
Mrs. Julia Brehaut, aged 65, who was the to ride a bicycle in Guernsey, died yesterday—riding a bicycle.

Her brother, one of the Channel Islands' cycling pioneers, fell dead from a cycle at almost the same spot some years ago.—Reuter.

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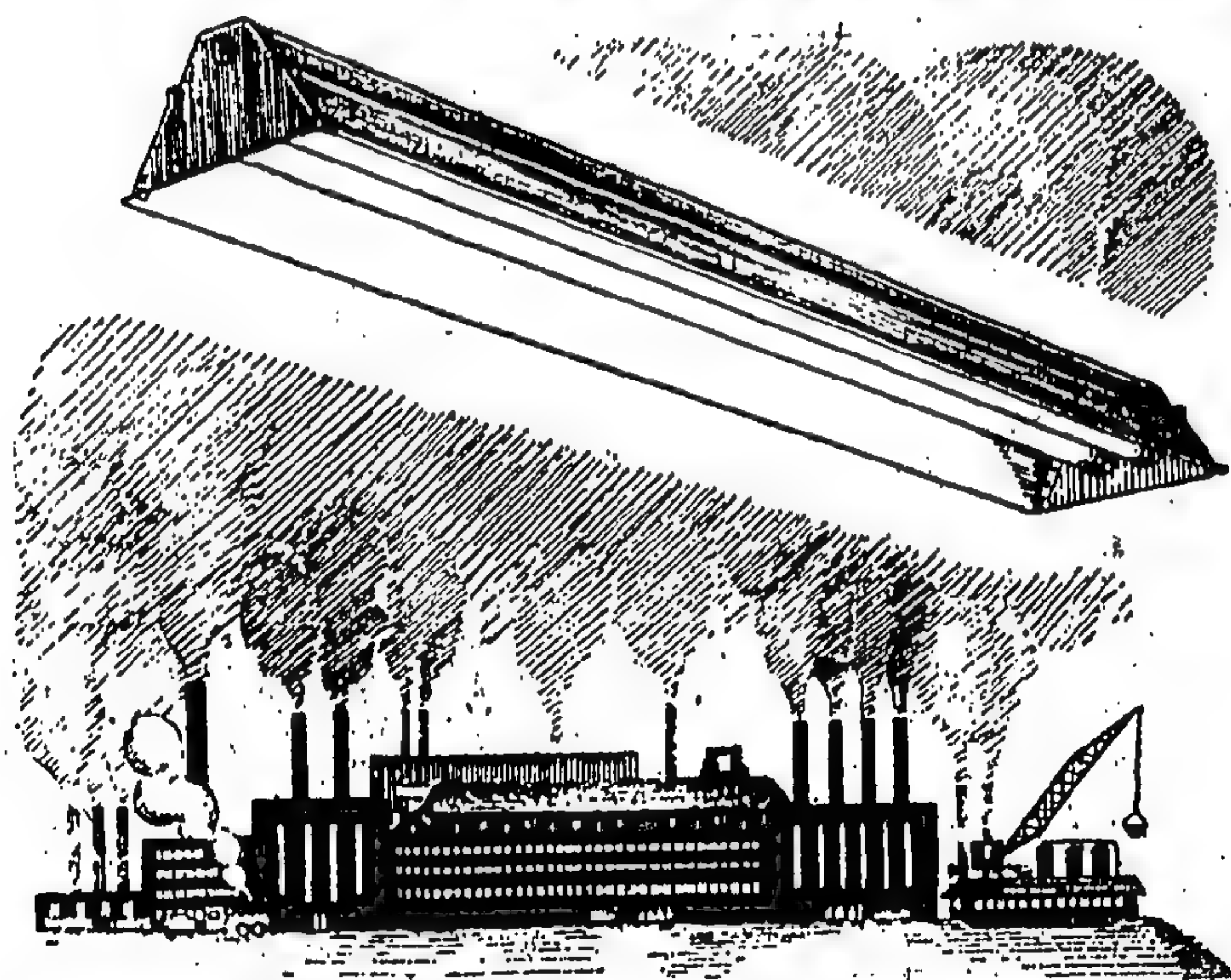
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For Women Only: Continued from Page 14

HINTS ON TEEN-AGE HAIRSTYLES

The much-dissected teen-ager has had thousands of words and millions of pounds spent on telling her just what to do when to do it, and why she does it. But, peculiarly enough, the youth reformers seem to stop at her hair-line, and very few articles have been printed about a hair style for the Junior Miss.

She usually just lets it grow from about thirteen on, until the family is driven mad by that "permed" look. Then in desperation she is dragged along to have it "permed" that fatal first permanent wave! Since she can't be bothered returning regularly to have her hair set, she usually ends up looking like the original Fuzzy Wuzzy.

Then she gets it cut, and looks like a shorn sheep for months. The solution is simple: a young girl should have a hair style which is simple, clean, and healthy. She should have a hair style which is simple, clean, and healthy. She should have a hair style which is simple, clean, and healthy.

First Step

The first step, of course, is the old, old story: regular brushing. Hair cannot be cured with unless it is healthy, strong and "alive." If hair has a kink in it, with cut ends, it is probably not healthy. It needs expert cutting and shaping to bring out its full glory. Cutting can make all the difference in young hair.

The girl who has hair which is just straight and looks like a comb, that way is usually the first to dash off to the horrors of the "perm." But there are several things she can do before she tries that last resort. If her hair is shoulder length she can cut it and carry the points up on top of her head, covering the ends of (necessary) with the front hair, pulled up and back and tucked under the plaits.

If your hair is not long enough to try that way, try pinning it like this: Part the hair right across the head, from the top of one ear to the top of the other. Brush the front forward out of the way until it's needed. Then plait the back, starting the plaits as close as possible to the neck.

Carry them up the back of the head, not round it, and fasten them there. Brush the front hair up and back and curl it above the ends of the plaits. This style will fold in the back ends, keeping the hair neat and tidy. It is most important, however, that if hair is swept up all day it must be let down and brushed well at night. Otherwise it is liable to start falling out.

Idea For Short Hair

Here is a style for the shorter crop which is simple and sweet, and very effective. Part the hair on one side, and carry it over the crown of your head. Have the ends lightly permed, if necessary, but only the ends. Curl the ends, starting from the forehead on one side, and round the back, so that they form a soft frame for the face. This style can be either formal or informal, and it's very easy to handle.

The soft fringe is a good idea for a teen-ager with reasonably curly hair. A few curls combed forward and cut so that they form a long look most effective. With this style the hair can be cropped short and swept back away from the ears and neck. Simplicity is the main theme for teen-agers' hairstyles. And "simplistic" does not mean "careless." Nothing looks worse than a long mane hanging loosely over the face, down the back, under the collar.

The target should be a definite style of hairdressing which suits the individual, but is easy to take care of, and which can most important—be set at home.

And brush, brush, brush!

More About Hair:

Jewellery is going to women's heads in a most uncertain fashion. At a recent display of modern post-war jewellery several designers showed new ornaments to be worn in the hair, giving interest and imp to the new, sleek, dressed coiffure.

In planning the new hair ornaments of precious jewels, designers have given some thought to their adaptability.

A double-bar clip of diamond, brilliant and baguette is adaptable for wear as a straight line band across the front of the hair, or it may be divided into two for wearing at the base of the two swirls of hair dressed high on the temples. When not needed for hair decoration, the jewel may be worn as a "buckle" in the centre of a narrow belt in an evening gown.

One model, whose deep corn-coloured hair was drawn smoothly up into a topknot, wore a painted rope of pearls round the base of the coiled hair, so that hair and pearls formed a delightful coronet. Another wore a jeweled ornament, inspired by Edwardian skirt pins. A long pin was thrust through the hair, with a large aquamarine at each end flanked by baguette rubies. This again was adaptable for wearing on a gown if preferred.

—Edna McKenna.

Recipe For Today:

Savory Flaked Fish With Cheese Rolls

Ingredients: 2 cups cooked, flaked fish, 1 onion, 1 tablespoon shortening, 2 tablespoons flour, 2 cups milk, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 dessertspoon chopped parsley, pinch of cayenne pepper, ½ teaspoon grated lemon rind, 1 teaspoon lemon juice, 1½ cups self-raising flour, pinch of salt, 3 oz. shortening, 4 tablespoons milk, ½ cups grated cheese.

Slice the onion thinly and fry lightly in the melted shortening. Add the flour, salt and pepper, and cook for three minutes without browning. Add the milk and stir until it boils and thickens. Fold in the fish, parsley, lemon rind, lemon juice and cayenne. Turn into a well-greased pie-dish. Sift the self-raising flour and salt into a basin. Rub in the shortening and mix into a soft dough with the milk. Turn out on to a floured board and roll out to ¼ in. thick. Spread on the cheese, roll up and cut into ¼ in. slices. Place the rolls on top of the fish mixture, brush with milk and bake in a hot oven, for 15 to 20 minutes.

Fine Beaver Topper



The new outlines in furs are wide and flaring with free-swinging backs, making them easy to wear over the latest full dresses in suits and dresses. Soft folds are showing again in sleeves and hoods appear in mink and Persian lamb. Skirt lengths are sensible and depend on height. You will see furs, old as casual trench coats, straight finger-tip jackets or the wrap-around peignoir coats, cry definitely on the scene as never before.

Designed to be a joy practically forever, for joy over, and so, almost anything, this two-wearing sheared beaver hat is modeled by Martha Hyer, of RKO Radio Films. In dark brown, blending with Karlens silver, evertones, it has slashed pockets, voluminous sleeves and deep cuffs. The shoulders are moulded and it follows the latest trend of a thin-hanging collar which is worn wide here.

GOOD (BEAUTY) RESOLUTIONS FOR 1948

By VICTOR MAMAK

First—Happy New Year to you all!

Another year, a brand new one, is with us now. Another stage of the journey passed; another just begun—and may the next stage of the journey be a happier, healthier and easier one.

Yes, New Year! And with the New Year there will be new aims, new interests, new hopes, new dreams.

And, no doubt, new looks, new hairstyles.

Without doubt you have made some new and very good resolutions for 1948. But how about some beauty resolutions? Have you thought of that?

If not, here are some that should go on your list.

Your Eleven Commandments

"1. I shall never say to myself that I am not beautiful. I know I have something attractive about me, and I am going to learn to make the most of it."
"2. I shall sincerely observe and follow the simple rules of health to keep myself in perfect condition."
"3. No matter how late I return home, I shall not forget to go through my 'nightly beauty routine.'"

4. I shall not neglect my hands, since they are as important as my face and just as much on show. I shall always keep them well groomed and immaculately manicured.

5. I shall learn the correct use of make-up in order to make myself look natural instead of artificial and theatrical.

6. I shall not step out of my house unless I have made sure that my make-up is right, my hair in place and my dress is correct.

7. I shall not commit such social errors as showing my slip below my dress.

8. I shall not indulge in such disillusioning practices as retouching my make-up or grooming my hair in public.

9. I shall not "pirate" the hairstyle of my neighbour or a screen star. I shall learn to arrange my hair to suit my own personality.

10. While choosing cosmetics for myself, I shall not be influenced by the fact that a certain film star uses a certain brand. I shall find out the basic need of my own skin and analyze my own natural complexion, and be guided by that in selecting beauty preparations.

11. I shall not be found out! (If you are forty).

FROM DOWN-UNDER

(Australian Woman's Mirror)

In New Zealand all children's guardians are paid ten shillings a week, usually the mother receiving it.

At a round-robin poll attended by eighty mothers the money was put to varied considerably.

In thirty-one cases it was either banked for the mother or for the child. In twelve cases it was banked after clothing and school requisites had been paid.

Seven children received it for pocket money. Twenty-three women paid the instalments on furniture, sewing machines, fur coats, wireless or cars.

Eleven women went for holidays, three kept it for the car, and the remainder refused to state.

Exercise And The Double Chin

A double chin is one of the most frequent and inevitable things that can beset a helpless female. Once come, it just stays, and stays.

Here are some exercises that will help you to chase it away.

Tip your chin in the air, and as you tense the muscles of your throat and jaw draw your lower jaw up—hard. Chew about ten times, and then relax.

Now circle your head. Tense your throat muscles, turning your head until you are looking over one shoulder, and in your chin in the air as you circle round to the other shoulder. Always circle slowly—otherwise you'll find yourself getting dizzy. Repeat this three times.

This time take a firm stand with yourself. Cup your chin in your hand and push with the hand, resisting with the throat muscles as you force your head backwards. Then reverse it. Push forward with the chin and resist with the hand as you bring your head level again.

These exercises tone up the flabby muscles of your neck and jaw, tightening and guiding them—and taking the double chin with them, if they're done regularly and properly.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Wooden fruit and salad bowls should not be washed in the ordinary way, but wiped out after use. Occasionally rub them lightly with a cloth dipped in a drop of oil or soft fat in order to "feed" the wood. Bad stains should be rubbed gently the way of the grain with fine steel-wool.

A pressed cardboard suitcase which has worn at the corners and edges can be restored by giving it a coating of varnish. Painting a brand-new case with clear varnish protects it.

A little vinegar added to warm water and applied with a clean cloth will freshen leather upholstery.

Did you know that oven-browned stains on plate glasses can be removed by soaking in a strong solution of borax and water?

To make parchment lamp shades last longer, they may be treated with a coat of shellac or varnish. Thereafter cleaning will be easy. Ordinary washing with a mild soap and warm water will do the job.

To clear baby's bottles of mineral deposits, add lemon juice to the water when boiling.

To absorb refrigerator odours, keep a small piece of charcoal in the cabinet.

To remove wax spots on clothing, place the garment on the ironing board with an ink blotter under the spot and press with a hot iron for only a moment.

To remove odd mildew stains, launder the garment, then dry in direct sunlight. If the stain remains, rub with salt and lemon and expose to direct sunlight.

When making prune pie or pudding, break the pit and remove the pit-like centre. Chop it up and add it to the recipe.

THE TEEN-AGER: 1948 MODEL

This analysis of the "new" American teen-ager, who have been in the news for so long and so often, unpleasantly comes from Australia's "Glamour" magazine. It holds out the hope that because today, the posing of the teen-ager has been defined in society, there will be no "lost generation."

The modern teenager who helped make the war years even crazier is offering a change.

Not only is she coming into a well-dressed person in her own right, but she has become a powerful economic factor, a stranger influence in the home, and created a self-contained group demanding special industrial attention.

Economists are taking note of her impact on the national wealth, but none as yet has estimated the additional purchasing power her unique demands have fostered. But it runs into many millions of dollars a year, and is increasing all the time.

Nearly every big store in New York and in most major cities of America has installed elaborate Teenage Departments. Several designers of repute are concentrating entirely on a group which, a few years ago, dwelt in the limbo of the let-down dress or the cut-down jacket. Furnishing makers are advising on how to redecorate their rooms.

Accent On Education

Those who are watching the extension of the teenage powers say that their emergency as a group allows them to appreciate a status, show more self-expression and exchange young ideas.

They are no longer a depressed minority dependent on the thoughts of their elders, too old to accept without question yet too young to argue with conviction.

With the realization that they belong to a group, instead of to a minority, the more serious-minded are finding better outlets for their ideas and aspirations.

Their interests are using, because of popular demand, more educational items, such as explanations of Newton Woods, the meaning of sex, and foreign affairs. At the opening of the Security Council in New York, more than 75 per cent of the public were teenagers. The thousands of teenage clubs springing up all over America are not only places for meeting and living, but also meeting places where the thoughtful can get together.

The interest in drama, literature and music, cultivated in the Ameri-

DIRECTORS' DILEMMA

Hollywood.

Film directors are faced with a horrible dilemma: Shall they lengthen skirts or leave them alone in films now being made for future release?

If they lengthen skirts, and American women reject the fashion, the actress clothed in the "New Look" will appear ridiculous. If skirts remain short in the films, and the longer hemline becomes popular, films will lose their reputation for being ahead of fashion.

Loe McCarey's solution is simple: In "Good Sam" he utilizes close-ups as much as possible. And when he can't help showing the hemline, he shoots the scene twice—first with actresses in long skirts, then in regular length skirts. Ascolated Press.



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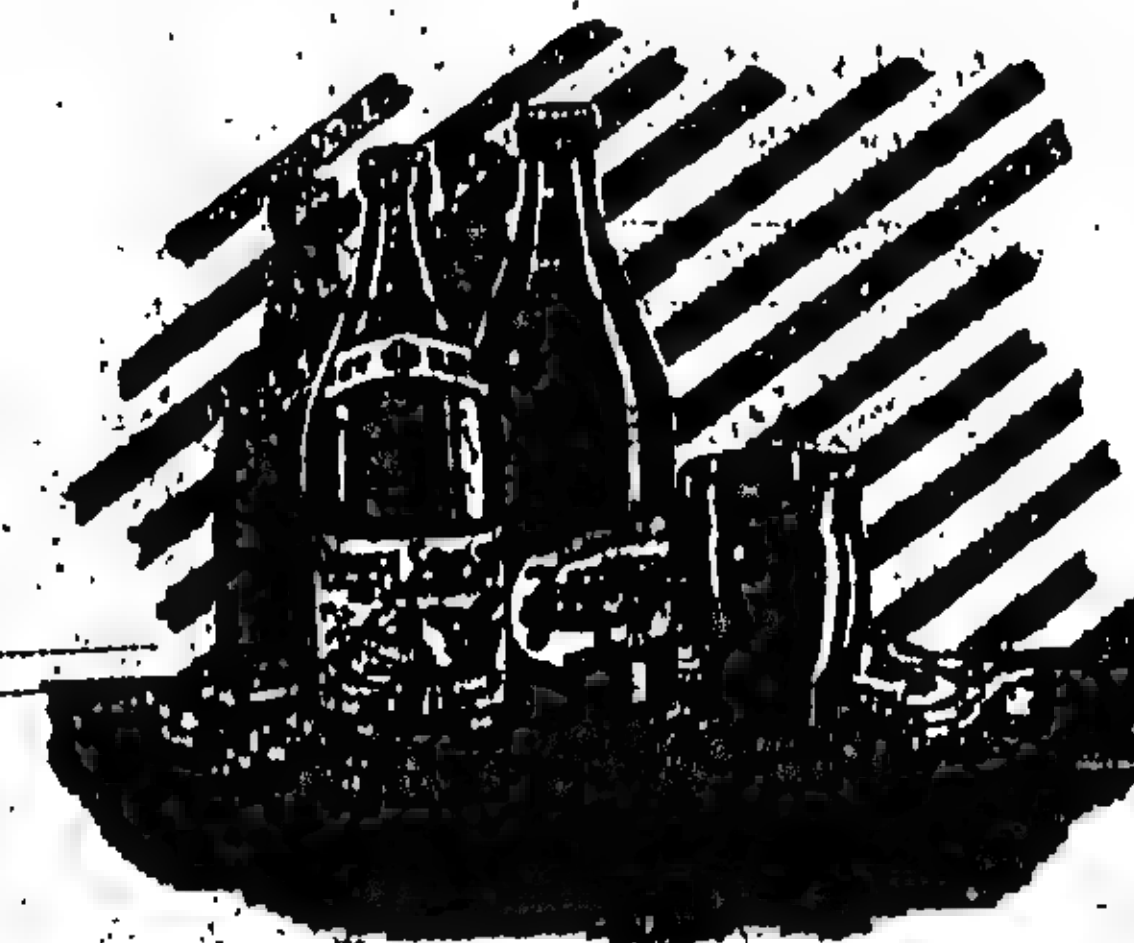
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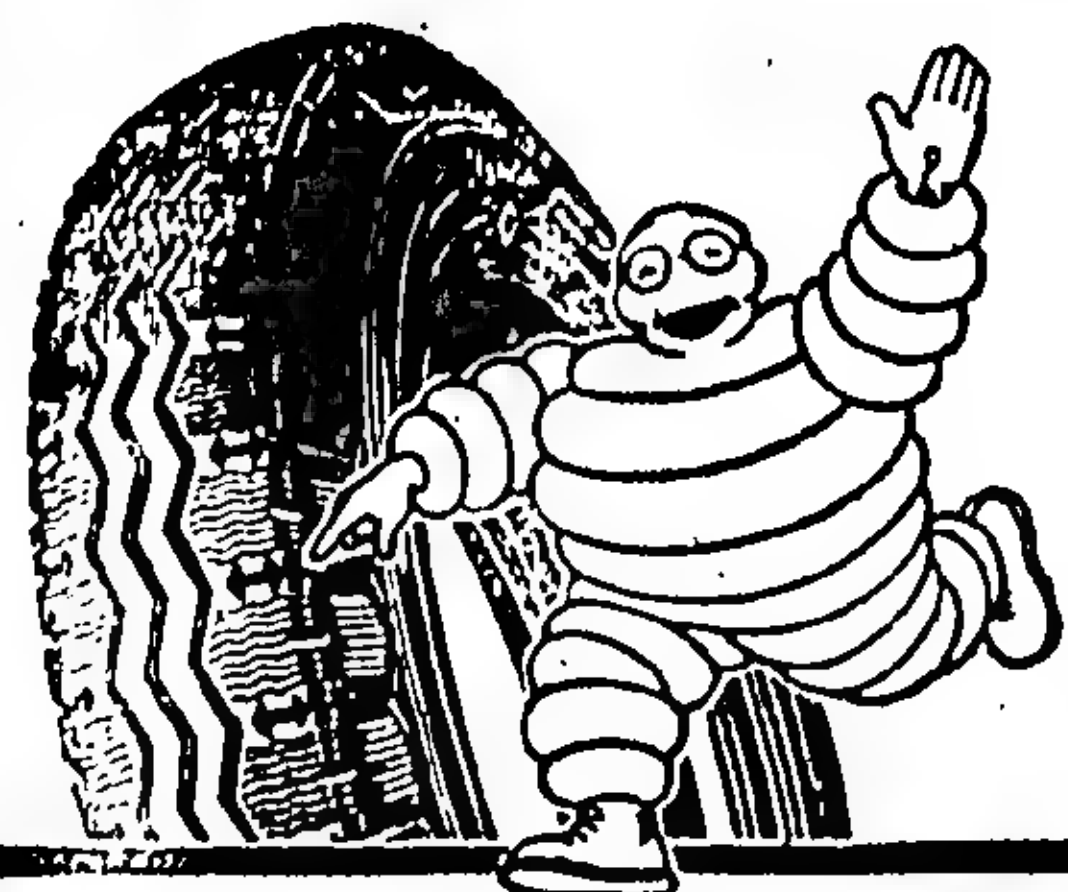
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It is a mistake to assume that
the term Diehard has a purely
Tory connotation. There are
Labour Diehards and Communist
Diehards, although the latter are
a poor life-insurance risk. There
are also Liberal Diehards, and the
grandest of them is Mr. Isaac
Foot.

Who has what I think is prob-
ably an unequalled distinction.
Three of his five sons were Pre-
sidents of the Oxford (2) and
Cambridge (1) Unions. Never-
theless, as a non-party observer
of the political scene, I thought
that he had distinctly the worst
of his correspondence duel with
Lord Simon—not an easy man to
cross verbal swords with.

The Converted

Lord Simon's claim that Liberal-
ism had so largely permeated
national policy that many Con-
servatives are, in fact, Liberal-
without knowing it, reminded me
of a wise-crack made by Lord
Winster, who as Commander Fleet-
cher was a Liberal colleague of
Lord Simon's before transferring
his allegiance to the Labour
Party. The Liberal Party, Lord
Winster told me some months ago,
had fulfilled its functions. It had
made all the young Tories
Liberals. Having won the battle,
there was nothing left for it to
do but hang up its banners in the
museum of political history.

It seems to have escaped notice
that much the same view was ex-
pressed by the bearer of another

famous Liberal name. Mr. C. A.
Gladstone, the present Squire of
Hawarden, presiding at a Con-
servative rally in the autumn in
the grounds historically associ-
ated with Liberalism, suggested
that the Conservative Party has
stolen a good deal of the old
Liberal thunder, and said he
looked upon Mr. Churchill "as the
greatest champion of true liberal-
ism alive in this country today."

Watch Cyprus

Incidentally, Lord Winster, who
accepted the Governorship of
Cyprus for one year only and
whose term of office should end
in March, is, in my opinion, like-
ly to remain at his post for a
much longer period than he either
desires or meditates. Our with-
drawal from Palestine will give
to Cyprus a new importance.
When the time comes, it will be
the task of the Governor to ar-
range for the transfer to Pale-
stine of the thousands of Jews now
detained on the island.

Moreover, I imagine that
Cyprus will acquire a new strate-
gic significance. It is, I think,
a good guess that, when the ova-
tion starts, not all of our
troops will be brought home from
Palestine. Of India, Egypt and
Cyprus only Cyprus is left, and
common sense indicates that it
will become a Middle East base.
Governments are capable of

startling ineptitudes, but I can-
not see our present Government
being so foolish as to swap Gov-
ernors in the mid-stream of such
momentous changes.

Eisenhower Gets Ready

A friend who has recently visit-
ed General Eisenhower tells me
to put all my money on the Gen-
eral's being not only the Repub-
lican Presidential candidate, but
also the next President of the
United States.

My friend, who knows the Unit-
ed States well, argues as follows:
There will be a deadlock over the
selection of the Republican can-
didate. General Eisenhower will
then be urged to stand and will
appeal for part of the Democratic
vote. He will receive it and will
march in triumph to the White
House.

It sounds a little too easy to be
true, but there is another argu-
ment in the General's favour.
The Republicans, who a year ago
thought their victory certain, are
now worried about their chances.
Their prestige has fallen and
many Republicans say that it will
fall still lower if Mr. Taft con-
tinues to speak about the party
and Mr. Dewey to be silent about
it.

Meanwhile, General Eisenhower,
who is giving up his military
career at the end of the year,

has been having a medical over-
haul at the Walter Reed Hospital
in Washington. He still disclaims
all intention of entering politics,
but it is hard to believe that he
is having his physical energy
"vetted" solely for the presidency
of Columbia University.

Service Chiefs And The B.B.C.

I am not surprised by the ad-
ministrative changes in the B.B.C.
Soon after the war Sir William
Haley outlined to me the scheme
which he has now put into full
force. In his search for adminis-
trative talent he went rightly to
the Fighting Services.

Sir William's first experiment
was to obtain the services of
Major-General Sir Ian Jacob, who,
as Controller of the European
Services, has been a great suc-
cess, as good on the political side
as on the administrative. His
promotion has been thoroughly
well earned.

Now Sir William has nobbled
Air Chief Marshal Sir Norman
Bottomley, who is a first-class
staff officer and as such enjoyed
the high regard of Lord Portal.
He was, moreover, the most popu-
lar of all our Air Marshals with
the Americans. At the farrowell
luncheon on V.E.-Day to General
Fred Anderson, the Deputy Com-
mander-in-Chief of the American
Army Air Force in Europe, I re-
member very vividly the tremen-
dous ovation given to Sir Nor-
man. As he is also a good mixer
or he should do well at the B.B.C.

M. Masaryk's Shoulder

During the last few days I have
seen something of Mr. Jan Mas-
aryk, who halted in the London
which he knows so well on his
way back from Lake Success to
Prague.

He refuses to be pessimistic
about the future of Czechoslovakia
and has full confidence in the
rationalism of his countrymen. I
imagine that he will now stay at
home until the Czechoslovak gen-
eral election in the spring. His
influence on the result will be
great, for today he is almost as
popular as his famous father was.

Before he left for Lake Suc-
cess in September he tore a muscle
in his shoulder. It will need a
small operation to put it right.
I asked him whether it was true
that the Americans were now ob-
sessed with Russia to the exclu-
sion of all other subjects.
He smiled sardonically. "You
see my shoulder?" he said. "Well,
at least 20 of my American
friends made the same crack quite
independently. I suppose," he
said, "that you bust that shoulder
against the iron curtain!"

Mr. Maughan Goes Home

After his usual autumnal visit
to this country Mr. William
Somerset Maughan set out for—
and I hope safely reached—his
home in the South of France.
Strike or no strike, he was de-
termined to go. Having been
through three revolutions, he
holds, like Lord Hoig, that the
news is never as bad—or for that
matter as good—as it sounds.

His famous Moorish villa, at
Cap Ferret has, like most things,
suffered from the ravages of time
and of war. The Vichyites stole
it; the Germans looted and
drank the cellar; but the real
damage was done by the Royal
Navy. On the hill behind the
villa there was a wireless station.
Firing from afar, the Navy de-
stroyed it, but one shell hit the
villa. Considering the great dis-
tance from which the Navy were
firing, it was, Mr. Maughan says
with a mixture of pride and re-
gret, very fine shooting.

CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM

Abdul, my driver, saw the tar bar-
rels lined across the road and the
Arab moving among the olive
trees before I did.

Casually he pointed and told me
"I think we are going to be stopped
again," and without waiting for my
reply he braked hard and swung the
car into the side of the road.

It has already happened to us
twice in four miles between
Jerusalem's Jaffa Gate and Bethle-
hem. In the preceding forty-eight
hours I suppose I have been similar-
ly halted on different roads around
the Holy City at least a dozen times.

But even so I felt the familiar
tightening of the back of my scalp.
The black snake of road twisting
through the grey-green terraced val-
ley was empty. Topping the ridge
ahead were the pale square houses
of Bethlehem (with police station and
telephone) seeming tantalisingly
near enough to reach out and touch
in the clear afternoon sunshine. Sud-
denly I felt very lonely.

Four Arabs came from behind the
car, their dark impassive faces half
hidden by red and white checked
kalfehs (head-dresses). They wore
undyed khaki shirts and slacks. On
their arms were red brassards of
"AMO" (Arab Military Organiza-
tion). One of them carried a long
barrelled Mauser automatic pistol;
the others kept their right hands
deep inside their shirts—around
knives.

"English Christian," explained
Abdul, to them in Arabic without ex-
citement. He turned to me, "Show
them your passport, Sir," he said. I
handed it over, and one by one the
Arabs looked down at the photograph
and back into my face.

Waved Through

There was a swift exchange in
Arabic, then one A.M.O. man walk-
ed over to the barrels, rolled one in-
to the side of the road and waved us
through.

"They told me to tell you they have
nothing against the British," Abdul
confided, "but that it is best to keep
off this road."

Then he accelerated and in a few
minutes we swept by the pale dome
of Rachel's Tomb, through olive
groves, turned right to face the high
purple barrier of the mountains of
Moab across the Jordan valley and
so thus into Bethlehem on this
Christmas of 1947, this Christmas of
Arab-Jew strife.

On the other side of the cobbled
market place the road went on
southwards—down through Hebron
and Beersheba—nowadays two
Bedouin market towns—and on to
the scattered Jewish settlements deep
inside the Negev desert, surrounded
by barbed wire and held by tough
young Hagana Militiamen with
machine guns, searchlights and
grenades.

For days these settlements have
been in a permanent state of siege;
their fields empty, their water
pipelines sabotaged, their defenders
carefully rationing ammunition—and
tapping back to Jerusalem over their
secret radios news of Arab snipers
kept at bay.

That is why A.M.O. are manning
road blocks on the pilgrims' road to
Bethlehem. They want to keep the
settlements besieged, to starve them
out.

Church Of The Nativity

The market place, dominated by
the buttressed Church of the Nativity
built over the cave where Joseph

By
J.L. HAYS

Abdul watched me closely and then
asked: "Are you staying long?"

"Why?" Abdul shrugged. "They
don't seem very friendly," he sug-
gested.

Dim Basilica

But one thing I had to do before
I left. I walked into the Church of
the Nativity through its narrow door-
way built low to keep out charging
horsemen in times of earlier strife;
on through the dim basilica with its
faded mosaics and pictures to the
grain where, under fifteen hanging
silver lamps, gleamed in the
rough stone floor—the silver star
marking the place of birth of Our
Lord.

Then three steps down to the
Manger where on that first Christ-
mas the Virgin Mother laid her child
among the animals.

The countryside was darkening,
when I left. The evening wind was
chilly.

Abdul met me with a smile. "There
is an armoured car going back to
Jerusalem from the police station.
He told me, 'We can go behind it.
And so we sped back to Jerusalem
down the Pilgrims Road, pale du-
sling up from the armoured car
swirling about our windscreen.

Once on the outskirts of Jerusalem
a violet searchlight beam jabbed out
from an invisible Jewish settlement,
then wavered and died as the gun-
ner in the turret of the armoured car
swung his own light in reply.

Then we were back at the Jaffa
Gate where the tired British soldiers
sat slumped in their Bren gun
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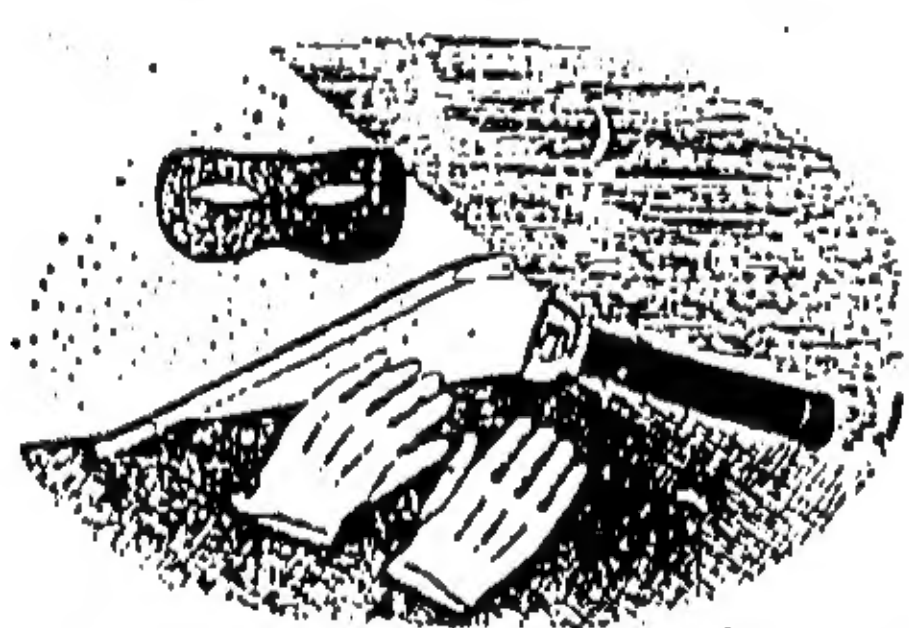
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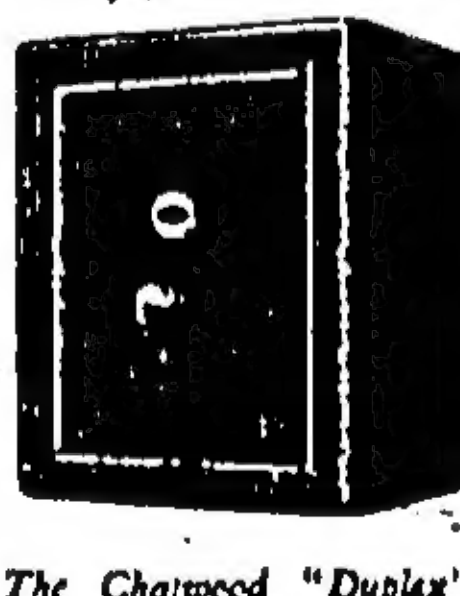


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CLUB WINS QUADRANGULAR CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Craigengower And Army Out For 110 Indians Score

By beating Royal Navy yesterday by 126 runs, Hong Kong Cricket Club have now won the Quadrangular Cricket Tournament, as they have already beaten Army and the Air Force.

Several friendly games were played. At the Valley Craigengower beat the C.R.E. easily by 81 runs. At Sookunpoo Indian Recreation Club accounted for University by 30 runs. In a low scoring game Kowloon Cricket Club drew with Club de Recreo. In the other Quadrangular game between Army and Royal Air Force, Army only scored 110 runs in the first innings while Air Force scored 45 runs for 4 wickets at their turn at bat.

CLUB - R.N.

At the Club ground Club beat Royal Navy by 126 runs in the Quadrangular Cricket Tournament. Howarth and Franklin were the best Club bowlers, taking 4 wickets for 27 and 3 wickets for 6 respectively.

H.K.C.C.

FIRST INNINGS:—104

SECOND INNINGS.

Richardson, c. Gething, b. White	1
Pease retired	12
Little, c. Hefle, b. Gething	1
Owen Hughes, c. Matthews, b. Gething	23
Howarth, c. Cole, b. Matthews	41
Bardill, c. Fluck, b. Matthews	33
Kilber, c. Catlow, b. Matthews	27
Raynor, not out	1
Extras	6
Total (for 7 wickets, dec.)	148

BOWLING

Gething	10	0	44	2
White	14	1	49	1
Matthews	6	0	31	3
Brown	1	0	13	0

ROYAL NAVY

FIRST INNINGS:—100.

SECOND INNINGS.

Heggie, b. Howarth	7
Cole, c. Bardill, b. Howarth	0
Li. Shaw, c. Little, b. Raynor	31
Catlow, b. Howarth	4
Fluck, b. Raynor	9
Starlin, b. Howarth	4
White, c. Howarth, b. Raynor	5
Li. Browne, c. Bardill, b. Franklin	7
C.R.E. Brown, not out	2
S. Li. Gething, c. Raynor, b. Murr Matthews, b. Franklin	4
Extras	2
Total	84

BOWLING

Howarth	10	2	27	4
Owen Hughes	3	0	16	0
Raynor	7	0	30	3
Bardill	4	0	5	0
Franklin	3	0	6	3

ARMY - R.A.F.

At Sookunpoo, Army scored 110 for their first innings, while Royal Air Force have lost four wickets for only 45 runs. Play will be continued this morning.

ARMY.

Major Murray Brown, c. Owen	15
Capt. Drew, b. Rallidge	22
Major Haig, c. Gall, b. Owen	0
Maj. R. Hope, b. Hodgson	23
R.S.M. Moore, not out	31
Li. Forrow, c. Steele, b. Hodgson	0
Major Slane, c. Cooper, b. Gambrill	1
2nd Lt. Watney, b. Hodgson	1
Major Blackwell, b. Gambrill	6
Pte. Cockerill, b. Gambrill	6
Li. St. Peter, b. Owen	5
Extras	12
Total	110

BOWLING

Gambrill	13	5	38	3
Owen	9	3	42	3
Hodgson	10	3	11	31
Rallidge	4	2	0	1

ROYAL AIR FORCE

F/L Steele, b. Stepto	0
Cpl. Skinner, not out	18
Sgt. Baxter, b. Stepto	15
Cpl. Cooper, c. Murray	4
Brown, b. Stepto	4
S/leader Gall, b. Stepto	0
F/O Gambrill, not out	6
Total	45

C.C.C. - C.R.E.

In friendly cricket at the Valley, Craigengower Cricket Club beat the C.R.E. Department of the Army by 81 runs. R.P. Lim scored 80 not out for Craigengower, which included 13 boundaries.

C.C.C.

G. Hong Choy, b. Ingram	0
A.H. Ismail, run out	8
H.P. Lim, not out	80
S. Ramchand, b. Payne	45
E.A. Lee, b. Roberts	17
Extras	17
Total (for 4 wickets)	155

BOWLING

Ingram	12	2	42	1
Roberts	3	2	0	13
Payne	8	1	23	1
Thornton	3	0	17	0
Hogg	2	0	16	7
Hilton	2	0	17	0
Banks	2	0	9	0

C.R.E.

Shaw, b. Innes	0
Baker, b.w. b. Innes	0
Thornton, b. Innes	14
White, b. Billimoria	0
Hilton, b. Innes	4
Payne, b.w. b. Innes	4
Hogg, c. Baker, b. Billimoria	19
Balderson, st. b. Hong Choy	10
Hall, b. Billimoria	2
Ingram, not out	2
Roberts, b. Hong Choy	0
Extras	0
Total	74

BOWLING

Billimoria	8	1	28	3
Innes	8	0	29	5
Hong Choy	1	2	0	6
Ramchand	1	0	5	0

I.R.C. - H.K.U.

At Sookunpoo Indian Recreation Club beat Hong Kong University by 30 runs. Kitchell was top scorer for the Indians with 42 not out. He hit 8 boundaries.

I.R.C.

A.R. Abbas, c. B. Chin, b. Vannar	39
S.A. Ismail, c. Koh, b. Vannar	42
A.R. Kitchell, not out	42
S.H. Khan, b. Lean	6
A. el Arculli, b. Koh	2
A.R. Minu, run out	22
A.R. Sufiad, b. Koh	1
Extras	11
Total (for 6 wickets)	124

BOWLING

Lean	10	1	40	1
Vannar	9	2	40	2
Chin	3	1	15	0
Koh	3	0	15	2

VARSITY

L.T. Ride, b.w. b. Kitchell	22
T.C. Lean, run out	2
D.G. Honson, st. Ismail, b. Erle Ho, b. Minu	0
Hans Amann, b. Kitchell	0
T.H. Lean, run out	13
S.A. Vannar, b. Abbas	24
F.C. Koh, c. Ebrahim, b. Abbas	4
T.T. Chin, not out	2
S. Thombayrain, b. Minu	0
C.P. Lim, b. Minu	0
Extras	5
Total	94

BOWLING

A. el Arculli	7	1	17	0
A.R. Minu	5	0	14	4
Kitchell	5	0	17	1
Mottiwalla	2	0	12	0
Abbas	3	1	8	2
Haroon	2	0	11	0

LAWN BOWLS:

H.K. Beats Kowloon In Aitkenhead Shield

For the first time since 1936 Hong Kong beat Kowloon when lawn bowlers from both sides of the harbour clashed in the annual Aitkenhead Shield at Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday.

This event, which brought to an official close the local lawn bowls season, was won by the Mainland bowlers last year when it was re-instituted after the war.

The 12 rinks were evenly matched, and victory by any team never exceeded 11 shots (secured by J. C. Aitken against F. Goodwin).

The most keenly contested game was that between Joe Landolt and J. A. da Luz. The former was unlucky to lose by the single shot in 49 after leading 21-16 on the 19th head.

After the match, cups and spoons won during the season were presented by Mrs. A. J. Hall, wife of one of the most stalwart supporters of Kowloon Bowling Green Club in particular and lawn bowls in general.

THE WINNERS

The winners of the various competitions during the year were: CLUB KNOCKOUT: Winner C.C.C. Runners-up - K.B.G.C. OPEN SINGLES: J. Landolt. (Banner up - M. N. Rakusen). OPEN PAIRS: A.M. & U.M. Omar (Runners-up - Noronha Bros). OPEN TRIPLES: A.M. K.M. & U.M. Omar (Runners-up - R.P. Phillips, R. Morrison and J. McKelvie).

RECREIO - K.C.C.

At Kowloon, Club de Recreo drew with Kowloon Cricket Club.

C.I. Stapleton, b. G.N. Gosano	17
S.F. White, b. Fozzard	1
A. Zimmer, b. Pereira	0
E. Randall, c. A.M. Prata, b. L.G. Gosano	19
O. Smith, c. Gutierrez, b. Pereira	13
N. Hart Baker, b. L.G. Gosano	5
W.H. Colledge, b. G.N. Gosano	1
F.R. Zimmer, c. J.M. Gosano	6
J. Barrow, b. G.N. Gosano	7
K. Lo, b. Pereira	8
R.E. Lee, not out	0
Extras	14
Total	87

BOWLING

A.P. Pereira	14	2	4	30	4
I.G. Gosano	7	1	20	2	
G.N. Gosano	6	3	18	3	
A.M. Prata	2	—	5	1	

RECREIO

J.M. Gosano, b. Zimmer	0
L.G. Gosano, c. Lee, b. Zimmer	15
G.N. Gosano, not out	33
R.M.N. da Silva, b. Zimmer	0
A.M. Barros, b. Zimmer	0
A.M. Rodrigues, b.w. b. Zimmer	8
A.E. Noronha, c. Smith, b. Zimmer	5
A.P. Pereira, b. Zimmer	0
Extras	0
Total	75

BOWLING

F.R. Zimmer	16	5	31	7
R.E. Lee	14	4	32	0
J. Barrow	1	0	4	0

CRICKET
IN INDIA

Capt. M. el Arculli, at present with the Pakistan Army at Rawalpindi, was recently selected to play cricket for the Army against the Lahore Gymkhana at Lahore.

Capt. el Arculli was formerly a member of the Indian Recreation Club at XI and played with considerable success for them for a number of years. He was also a very keen baseball pitcher for the all-victorious "U.S." nine some years before the war.

He was a keen athlete, winning the half-mile championship of the I.R.C. on a few occasions. Reports from Rawalpindi state that el Arculli is "battling considerably better this season although his fielding has gone off somewhat."

Capt. el Arculli was in Hong Kong in the early day of Japanese Occupation. He then went to Macao and from there tracked overland into Free China whence he went to India by air.

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